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The file concerns the procedure for reporting movements of India Government officials holding consular ranks or officiating as consular officers in Persia and in the Persian Gulf. The Secretary of State for India asked that all changes should be reported by telegram.

The file is composed of correspondence between the Foreign Office, the Secretary of State for India, the Viceroy, and the India Office.



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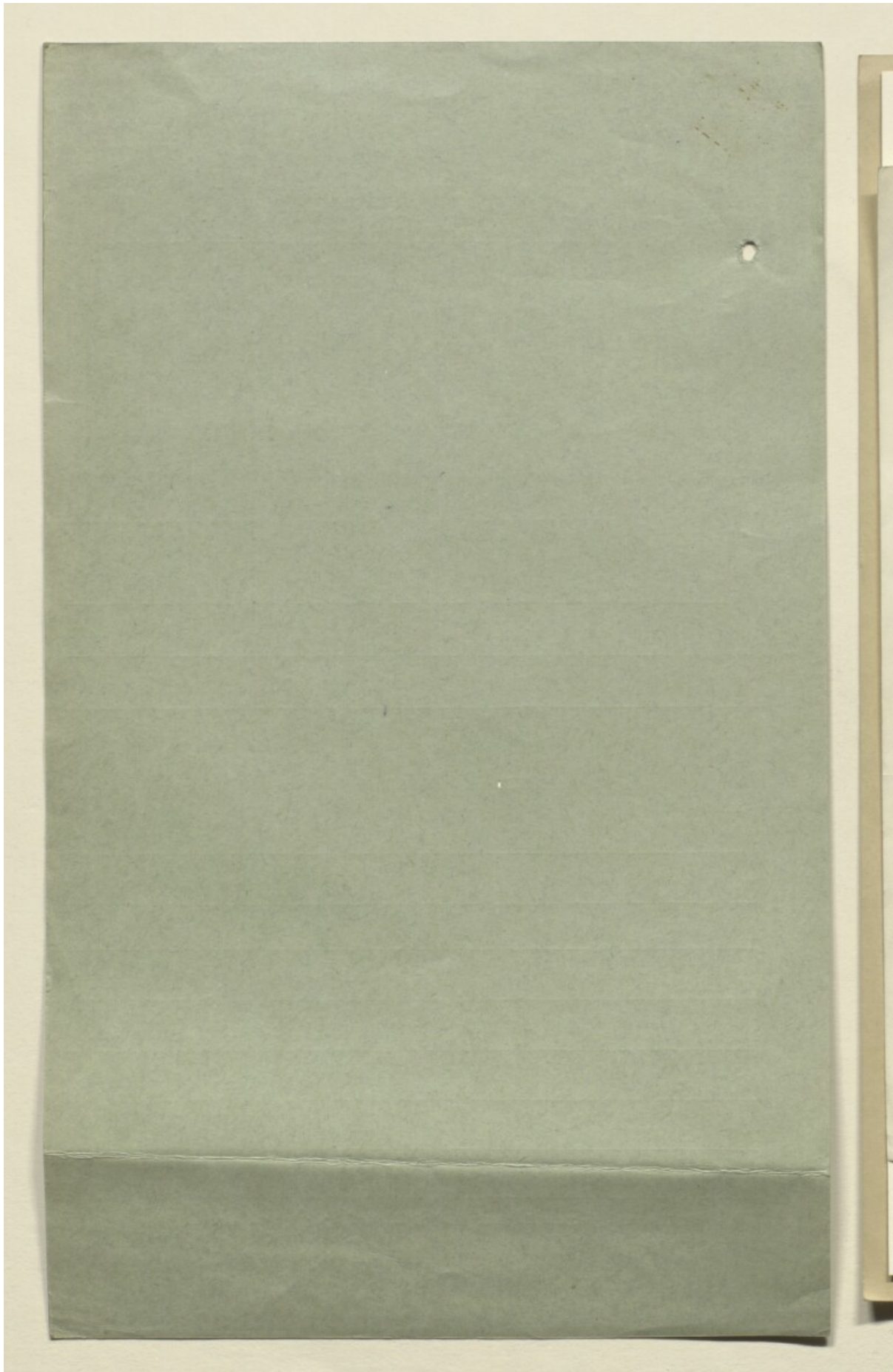
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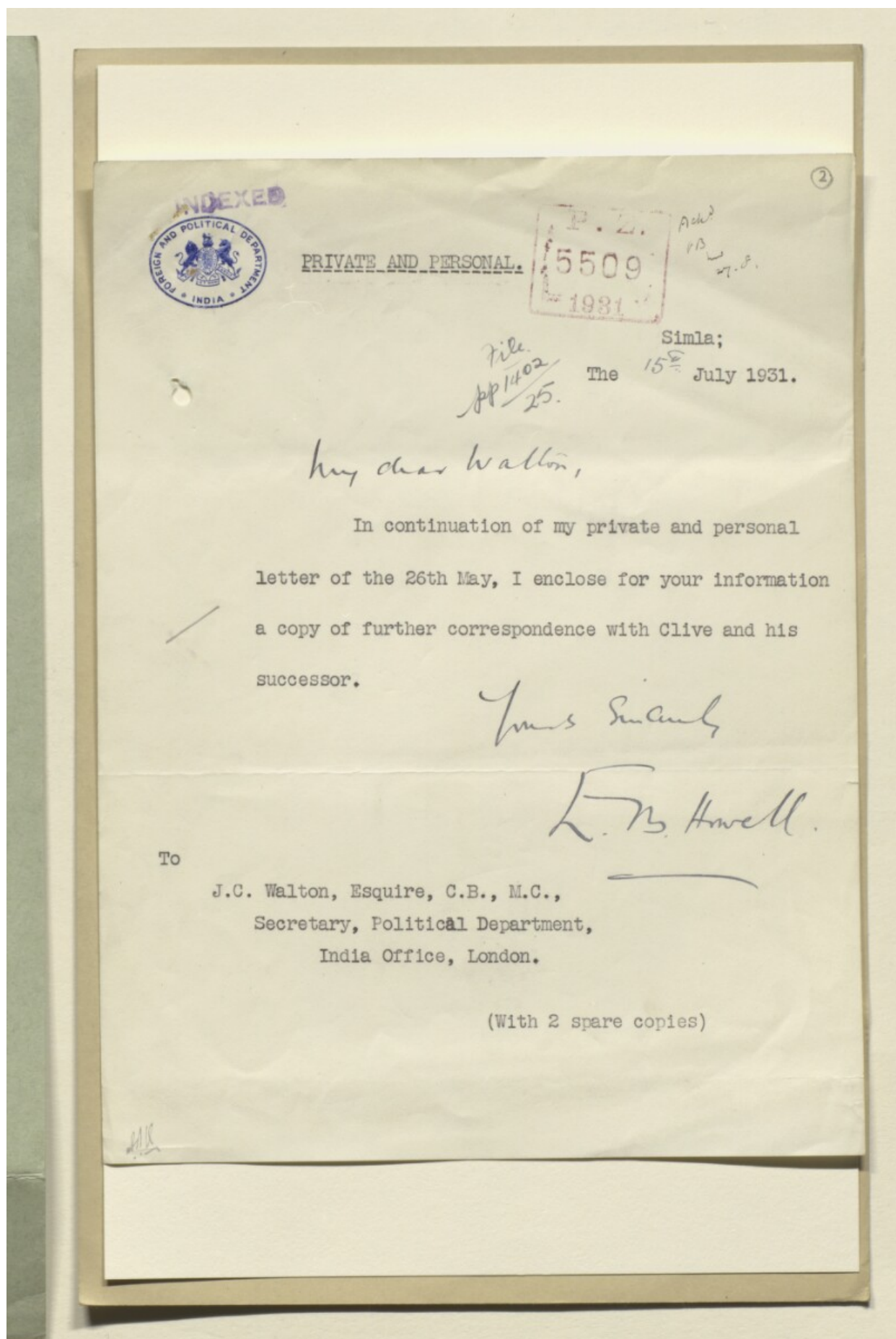
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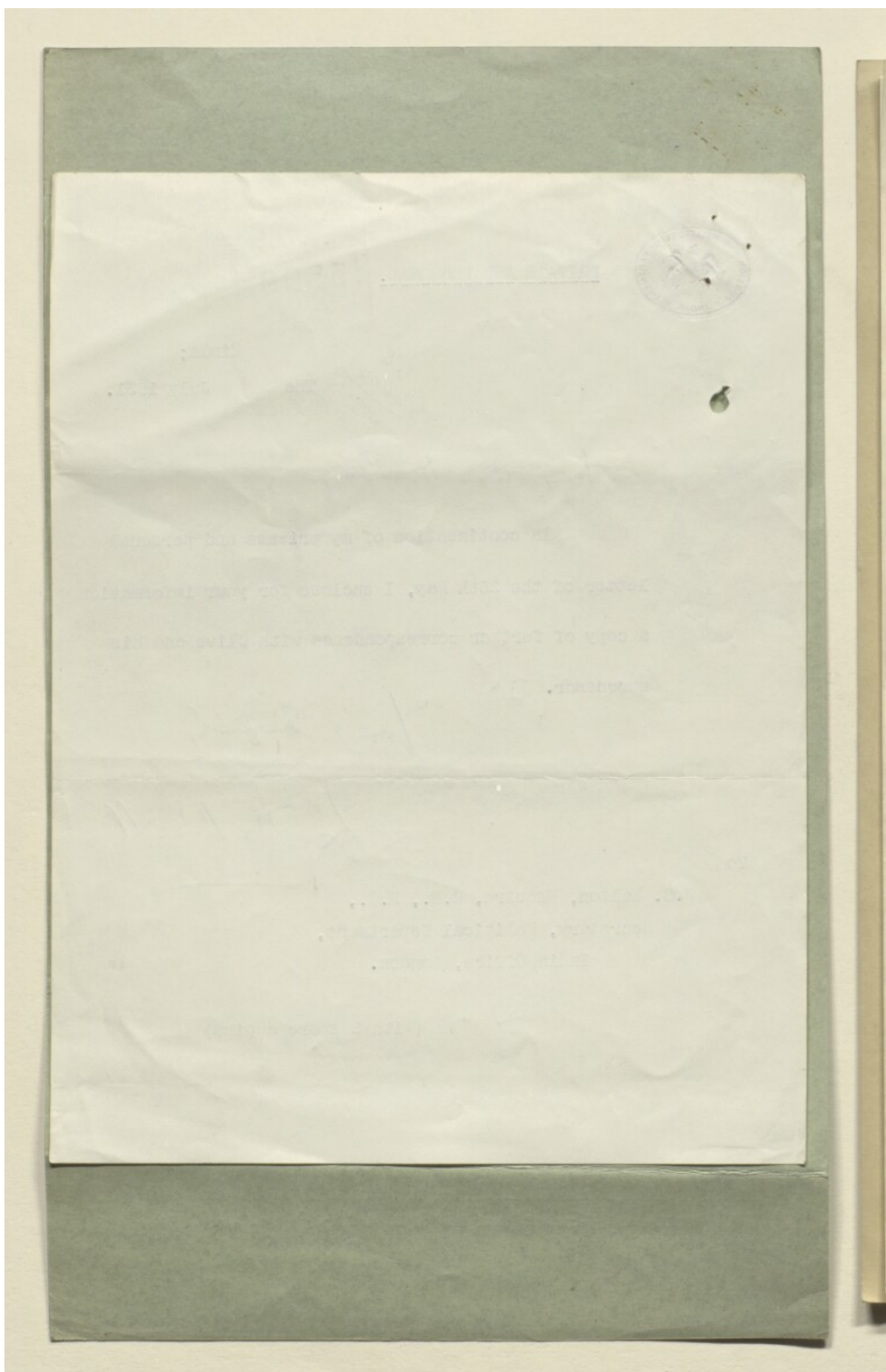
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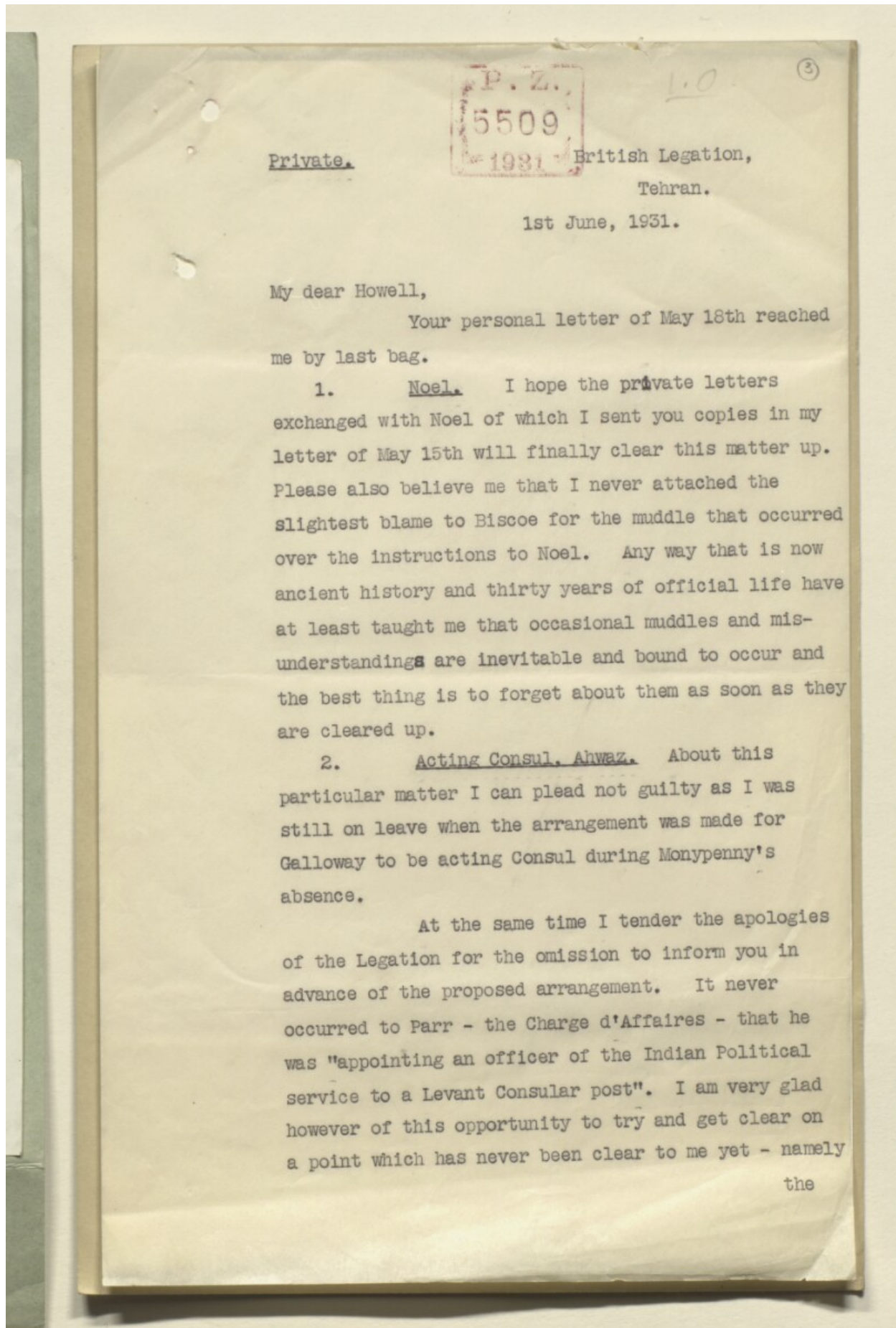
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British Legation,
Tehran.

1st June, 1931.

My dear Howell,

Your personal letter of May 18th reached me by last bag.

1. Noel. I hope the private letters exchanged with Noel of which I sent you copies in my letter of May 15th will finally clear this matter up. Please also believe me that I never attached the slightest blame to Biscoe for the muddle that occurred over the instructions to Noel. Any way that is now ancient history and thirty years of official life have at least taught me that occasional muddles and misunderstandings are inevitable and bound to occur and the best thing is to forget about them as soon as they are cleared up.

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Yours ^{Very} sincerely,
Sd/- R.H. Clive.

To

E.B. Howell, Esquire, C.S.I., C.I.E.,
Foreign Secretary to the Government of India,
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 Foreign Secretary to the Government of India,
 Simla.



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PRIVATE AND PERSONAL.

Foreign and Political Department,
Simla;

The 15th July 1931.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly see the enclosed copy of a letter from Clive dated the 1st June 1931 ?

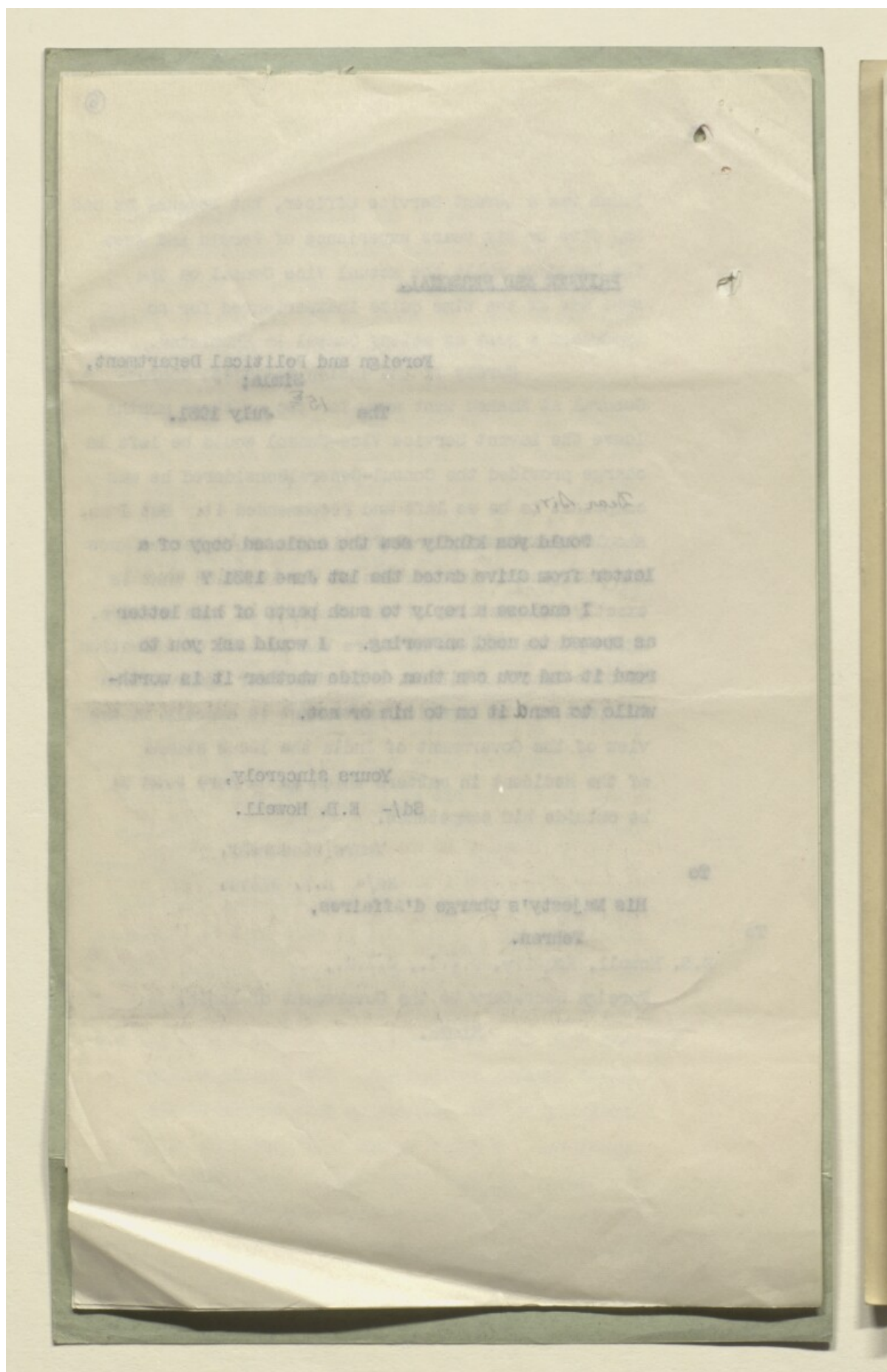
I enclose a reply to such parts of his letter as seemed to need answering. I would ask you to read it and you can then decide whether it is worthwhile to send it on to him or not.

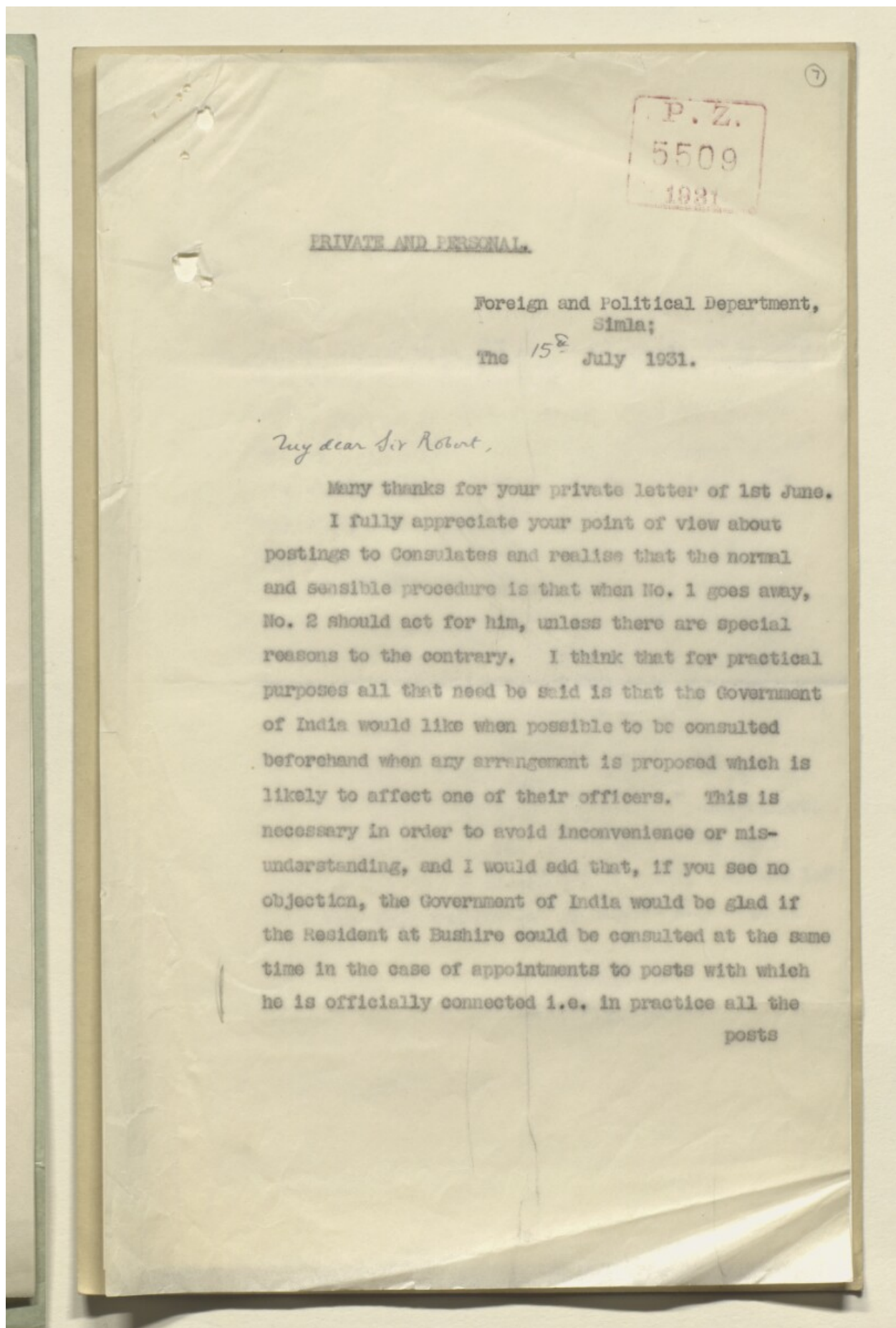
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To

His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires,
Tehran.





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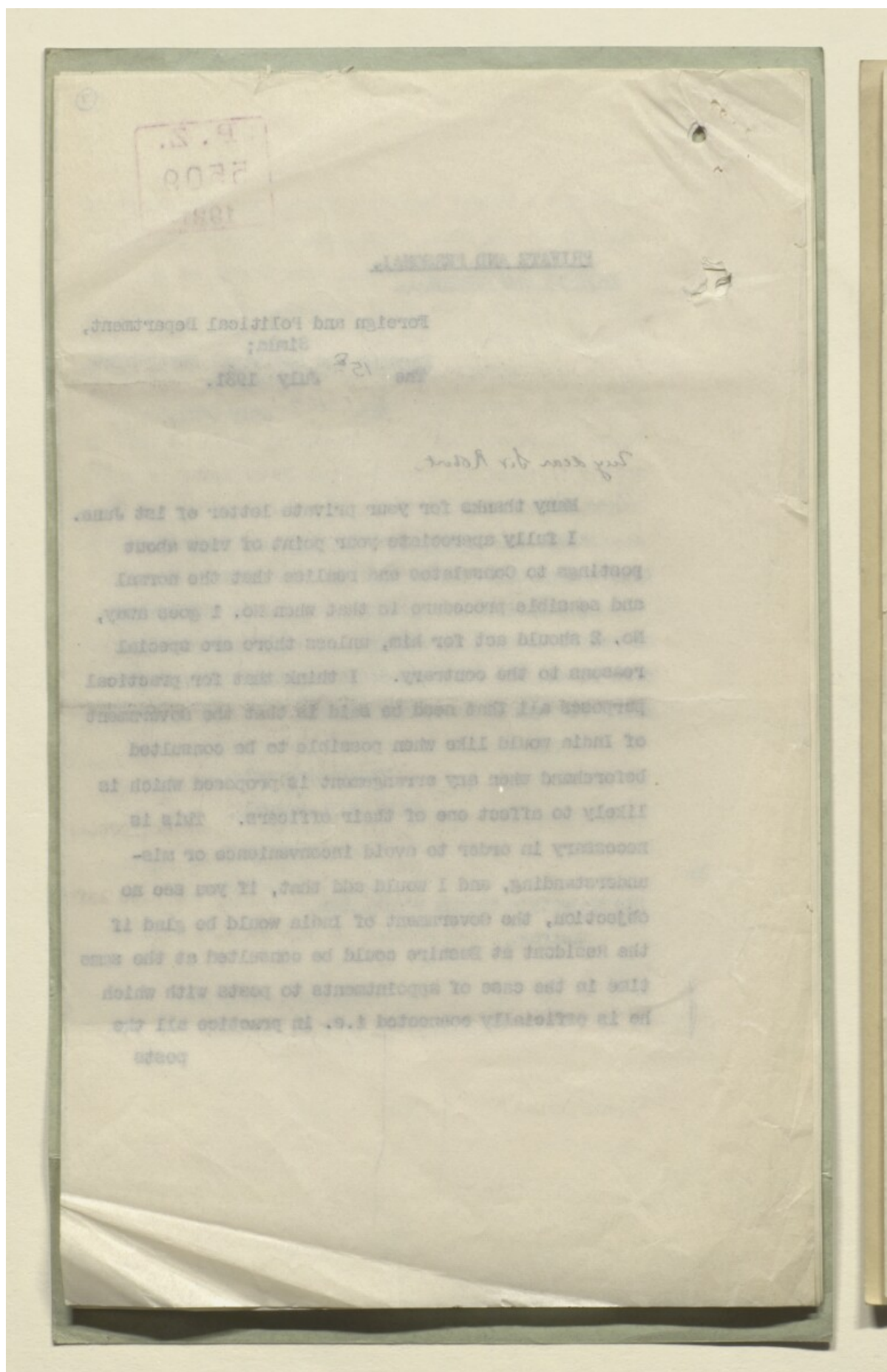
Foreign and Political Department,
Simla;

The 15th July 1931.

My dear Sir Robert,

Many thanks for your private letter of 1st June.

I fully appreciate your point of view about postings to Consulates and realise that the normal and sensible procedure is that when No. 1 goes away, No. 2 should act for him, unless there are special reasons to the contrary. I think that for practical purposes all that need be said is that the Government of India would like when possible to be consulted beforehand when any arrangement is proposed which is likely to affect one of their officers. This is necessary in order to avoid inconvenience or misunderstanding, and I would add that, if you see no objection, the Government of India would be glad if the Resident at Bushire could be consulted at the same time in the case of appointments to posts with which he is officially connected i.e. in practice all the posts





posts in Persia normally manned by officers belonging to the Government of India, except Meshed and Sistan. This would be in his capacity as Resident rather than in his capacity as Consul-General. By the way his exequatur as Consul-General does still extend to and include Khuzistan - vide enclosure to despatch from Tehran No. 193, dated 11th December 1930 to Bushire - though it may cease to do so in the near future.

As to Noel's affairs, I agree that occasional muddles and misunderstandings are inevitable and are bound to recur from time to time; and ~~am~~^{I am} very glad to find that you are ready to bury this one in oblivion. I should also like to add that it has been a source of great pleasure to the Government of India to learn that in your opinion Noel's fate was really saved by their action in posting him to an appointment outside Persia.

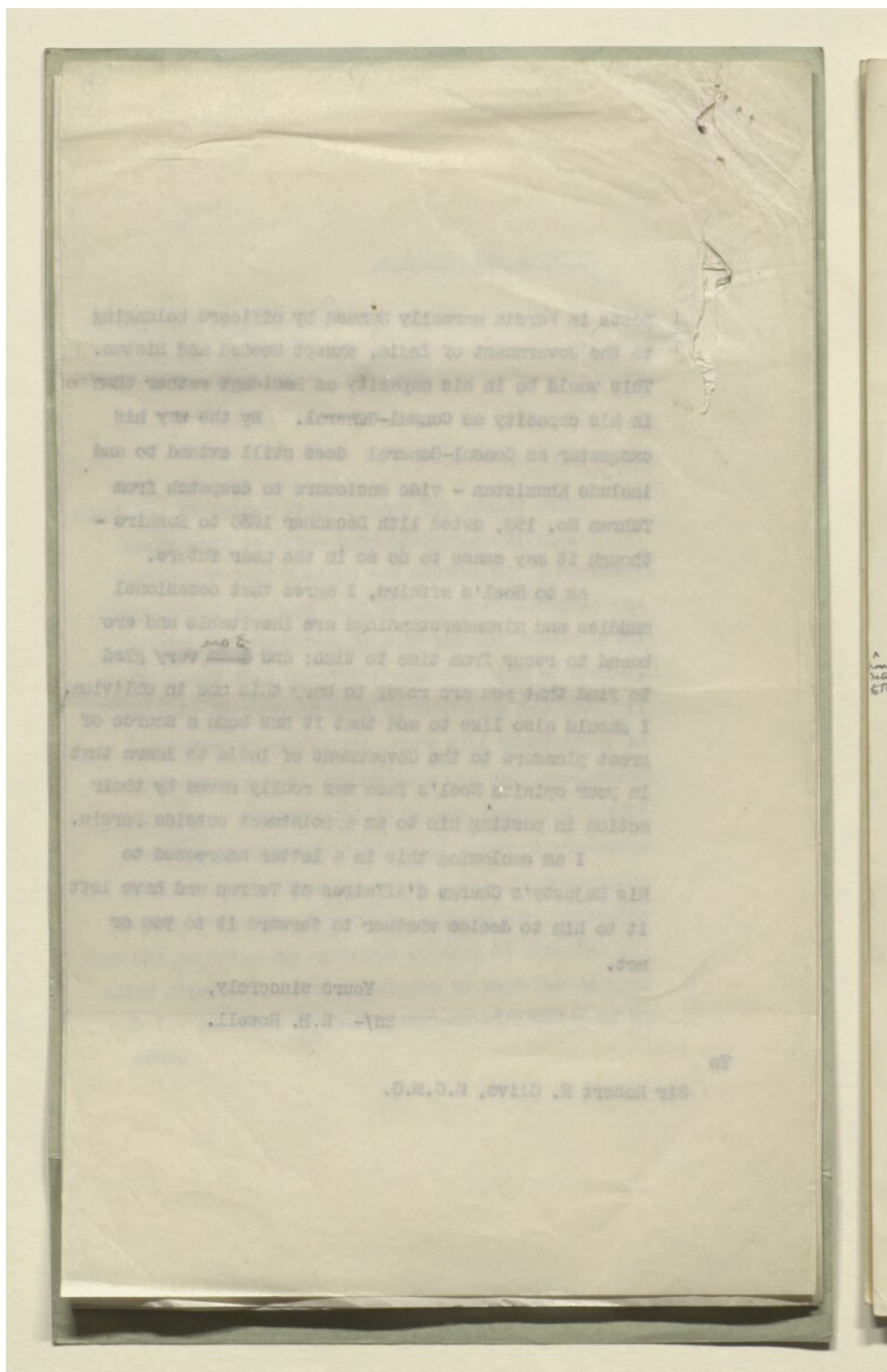
I am enclosing this in a letter addressed to His Majesty's Charge d'Affaires at Tehran and have left it to him to decide whether to forward it to you or not.

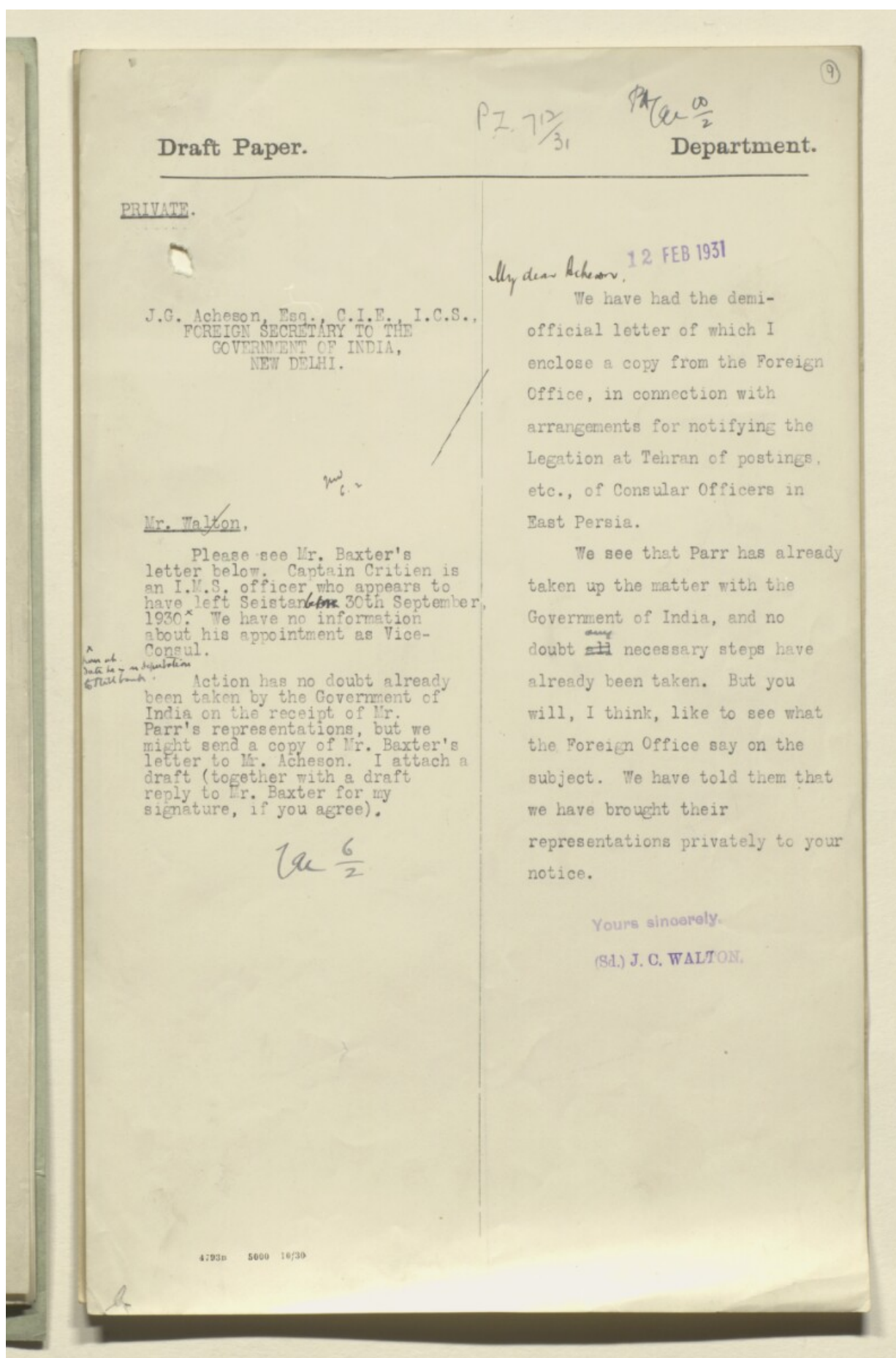
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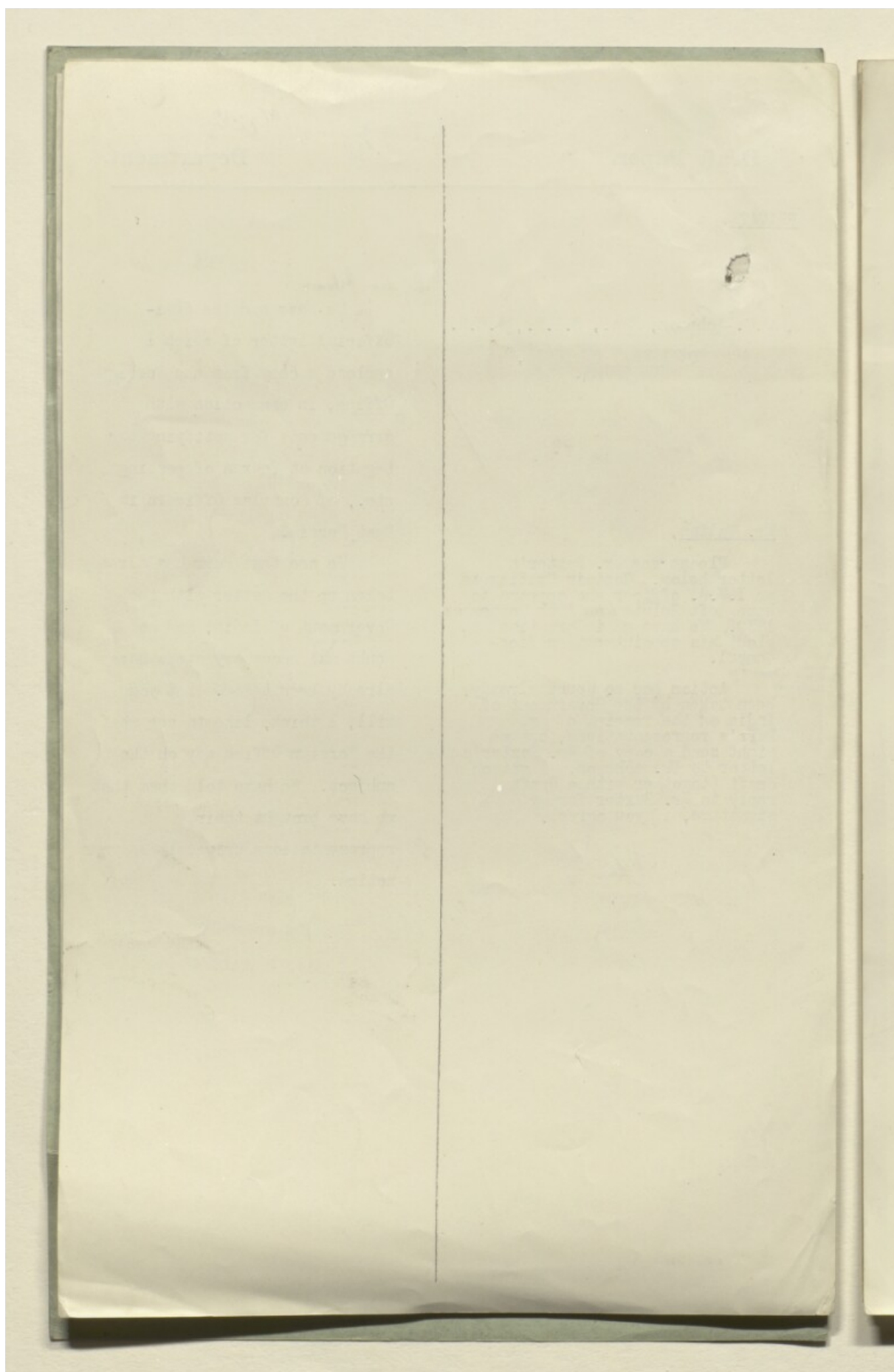
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To

Sir Robert H. Glive, K.C.M.G.



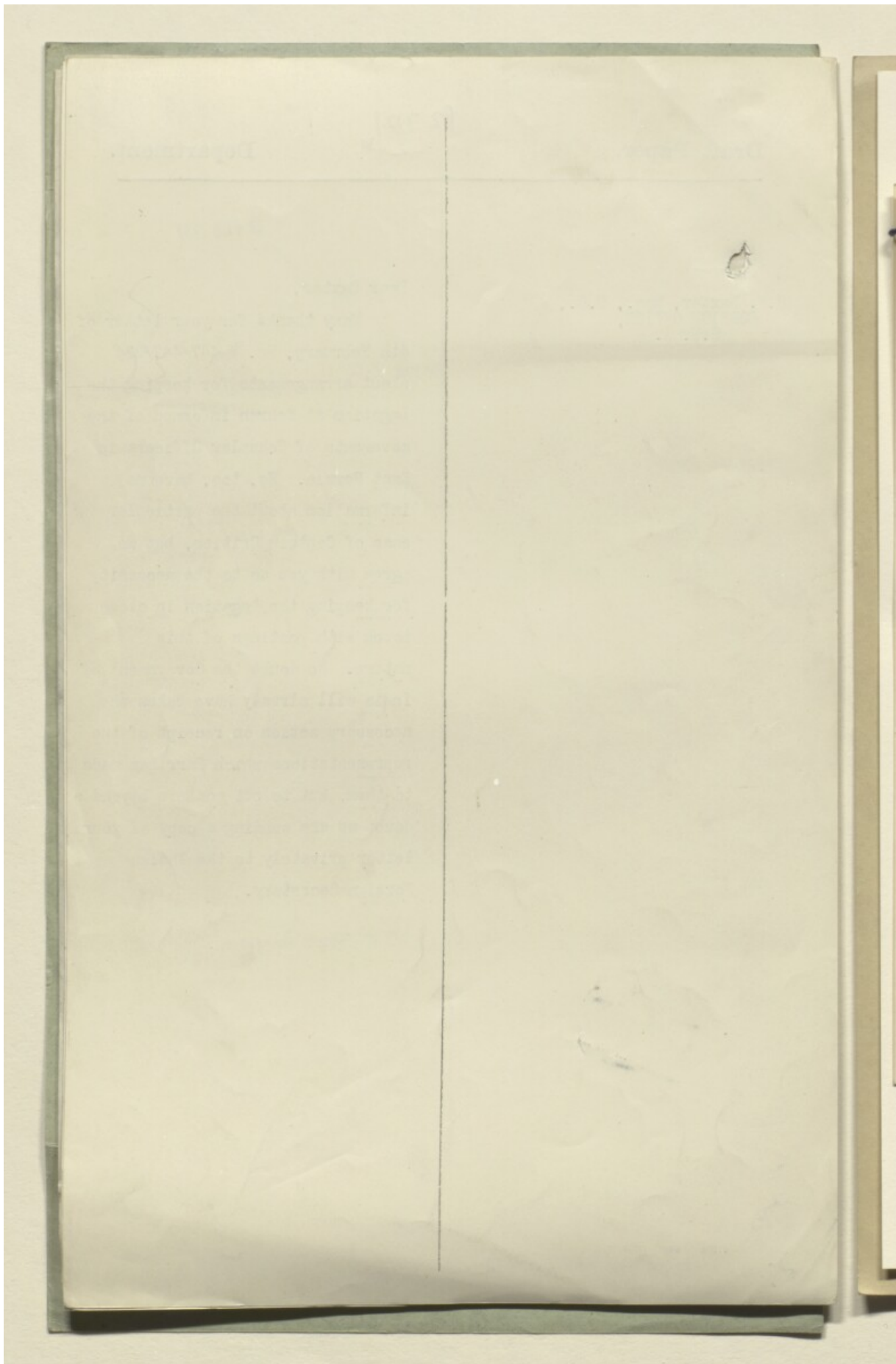


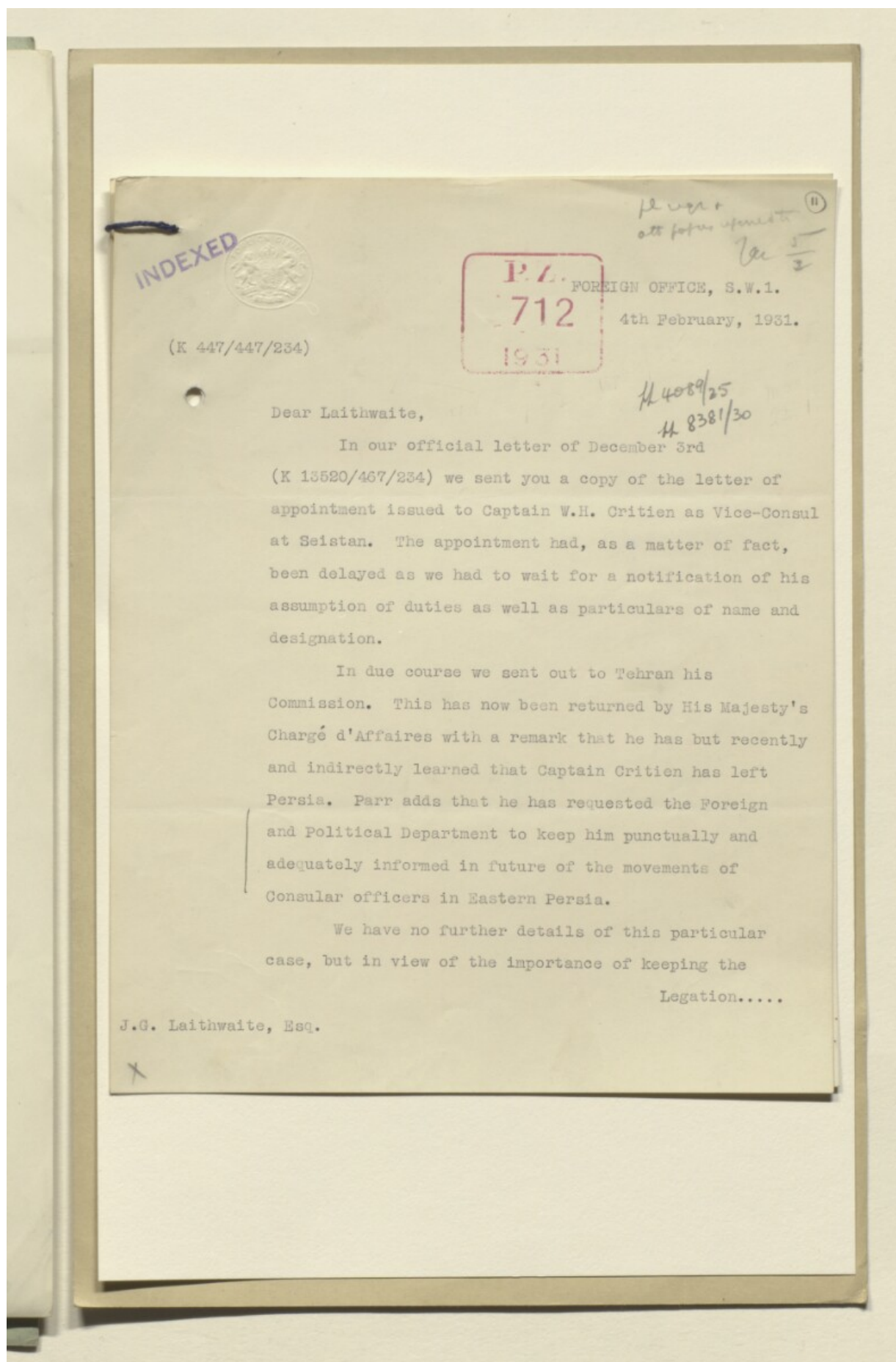


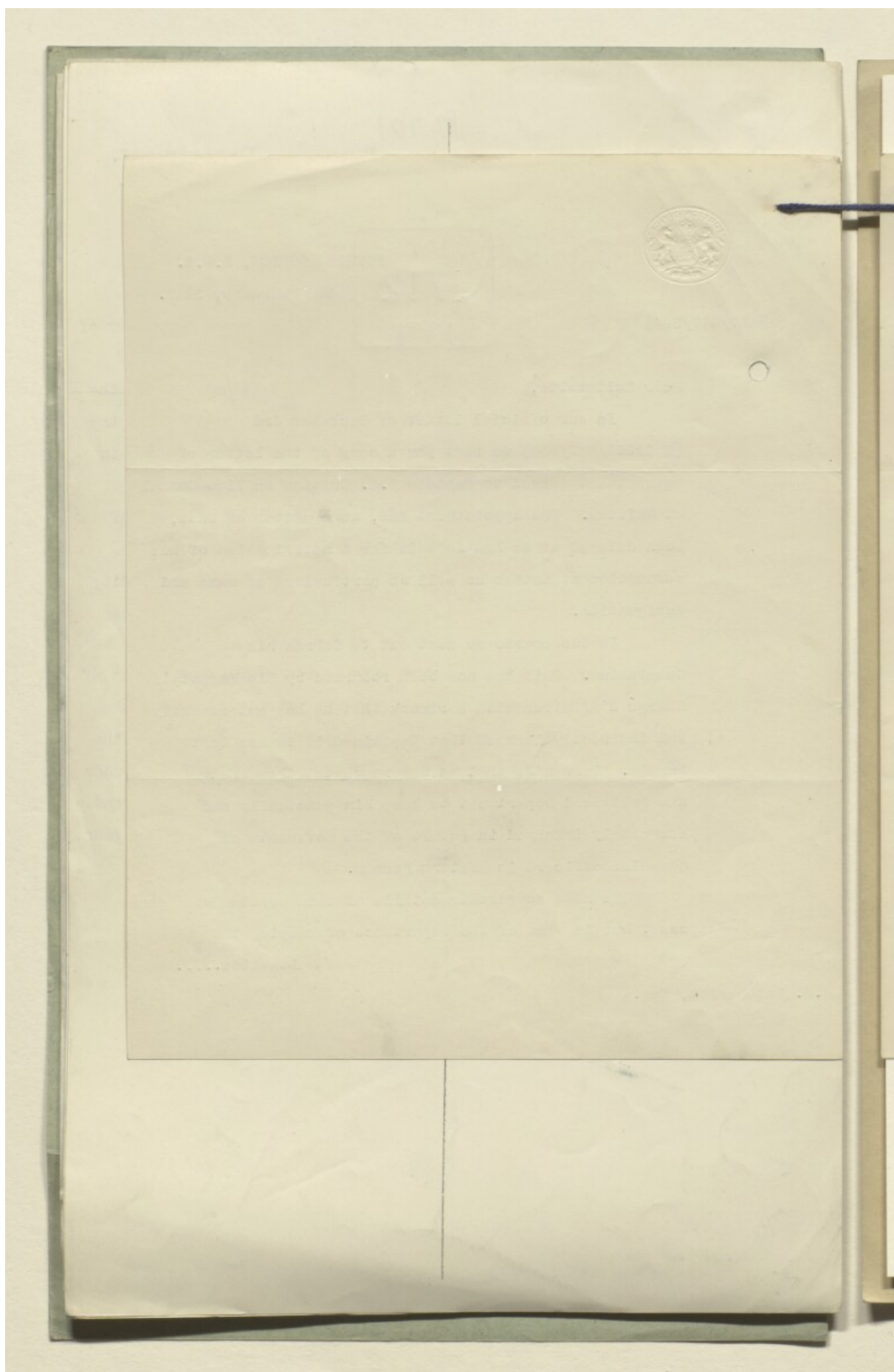


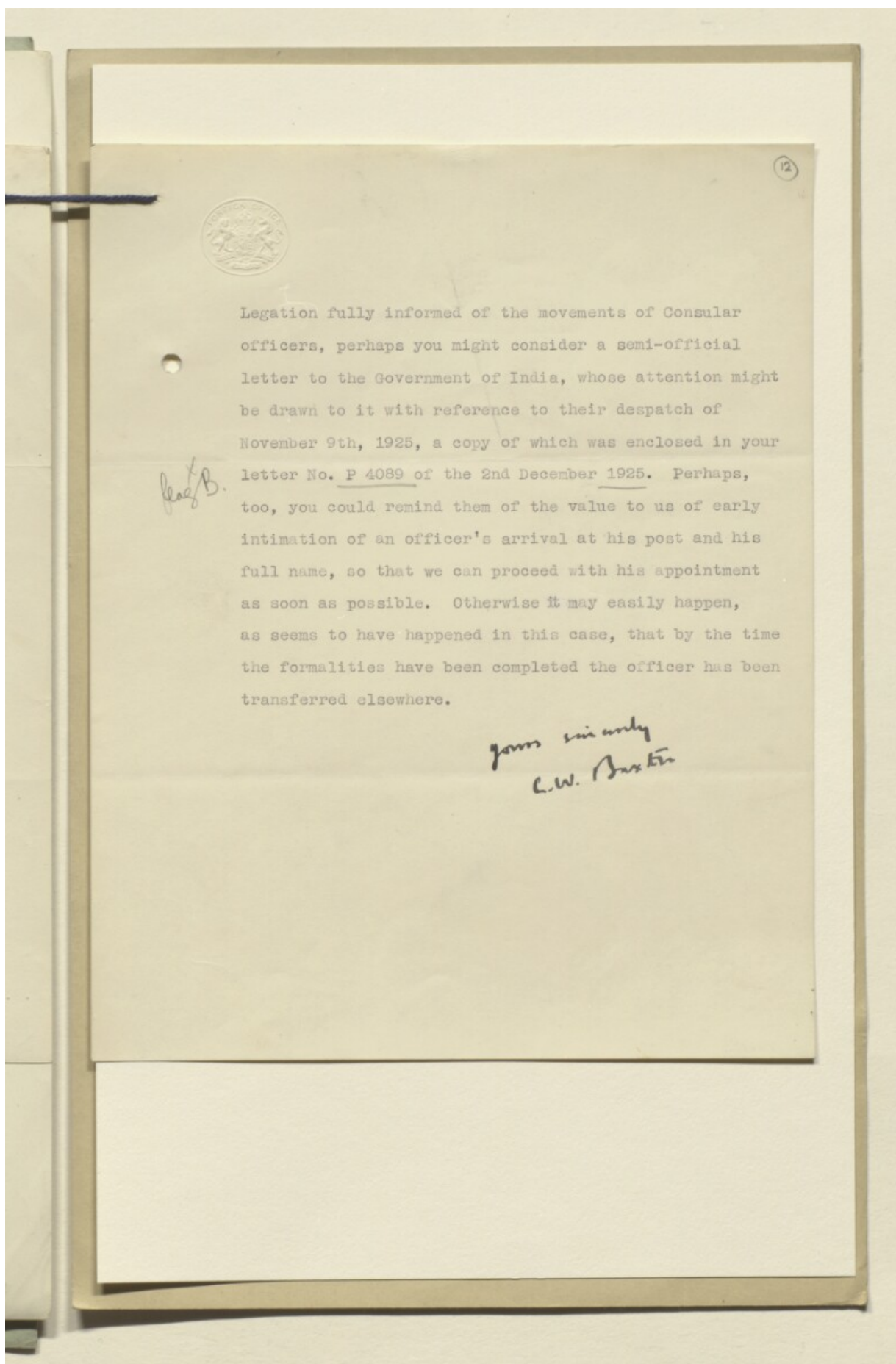
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<p>C.W. Baxter, Esq., M.C., FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W. 1.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">P2 712/31.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(10)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9 FEB 1931</p> <p>Dear Baxter,</p> <p>Many thanks for your letter of 4th February, No. K 447/447/234, about arrangements for keeping the Legation at Tehran informed of the movements of Consular Officers in East Persia. We, too, have no information about the particular case of Captain Critien, but we agree with you as to the necessity for keeping the Legation in close touch with postings of this nature. No doubt the Government of India will already have taken the necessary action on receipt of the representations which Parr has made to them, but to put matters beyond a doubt we are sending a copy of your letter privately to the Indian Foreign Secretary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Yours sincerely, J. G. LAITHWAITE.</p>

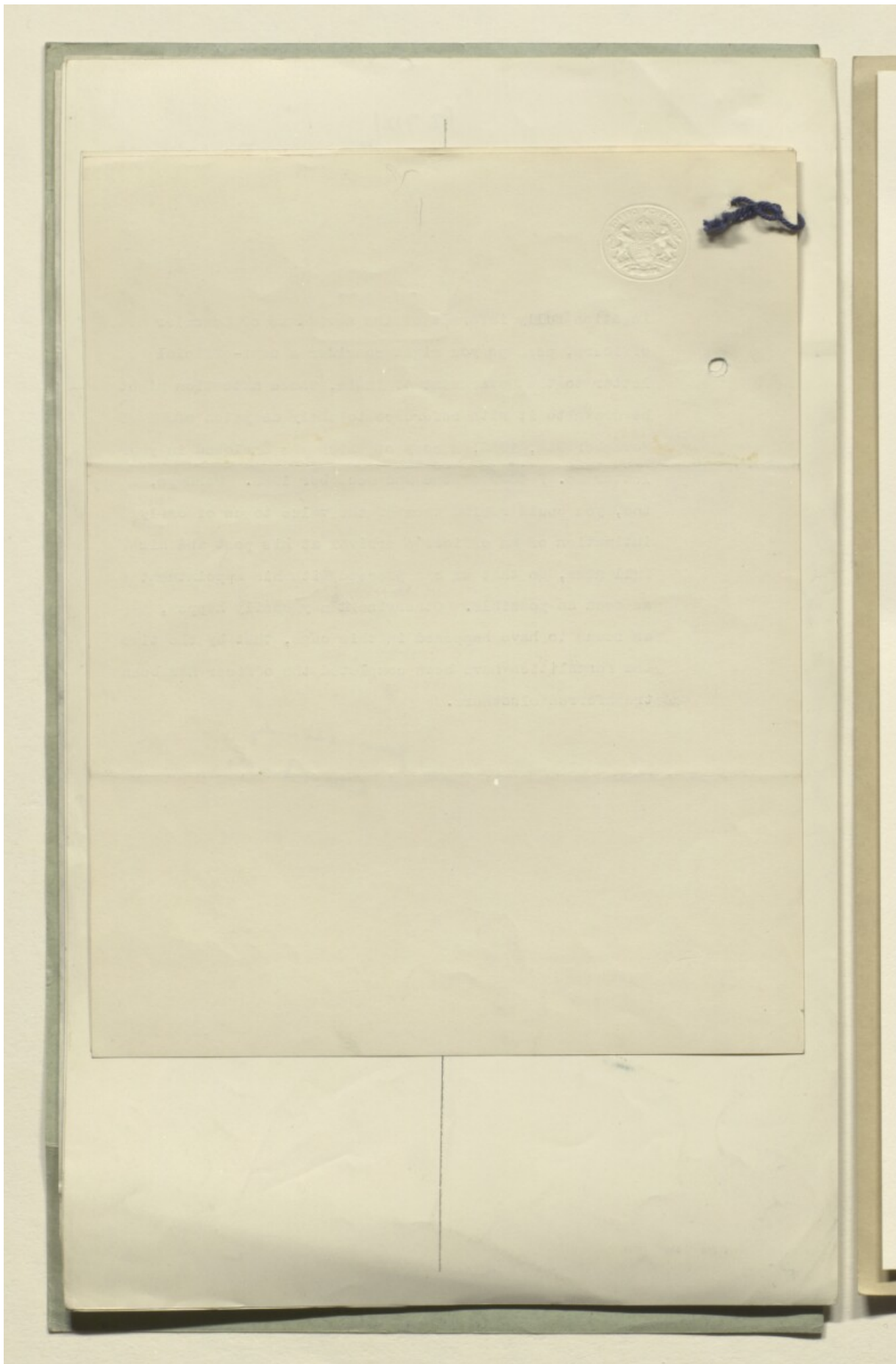
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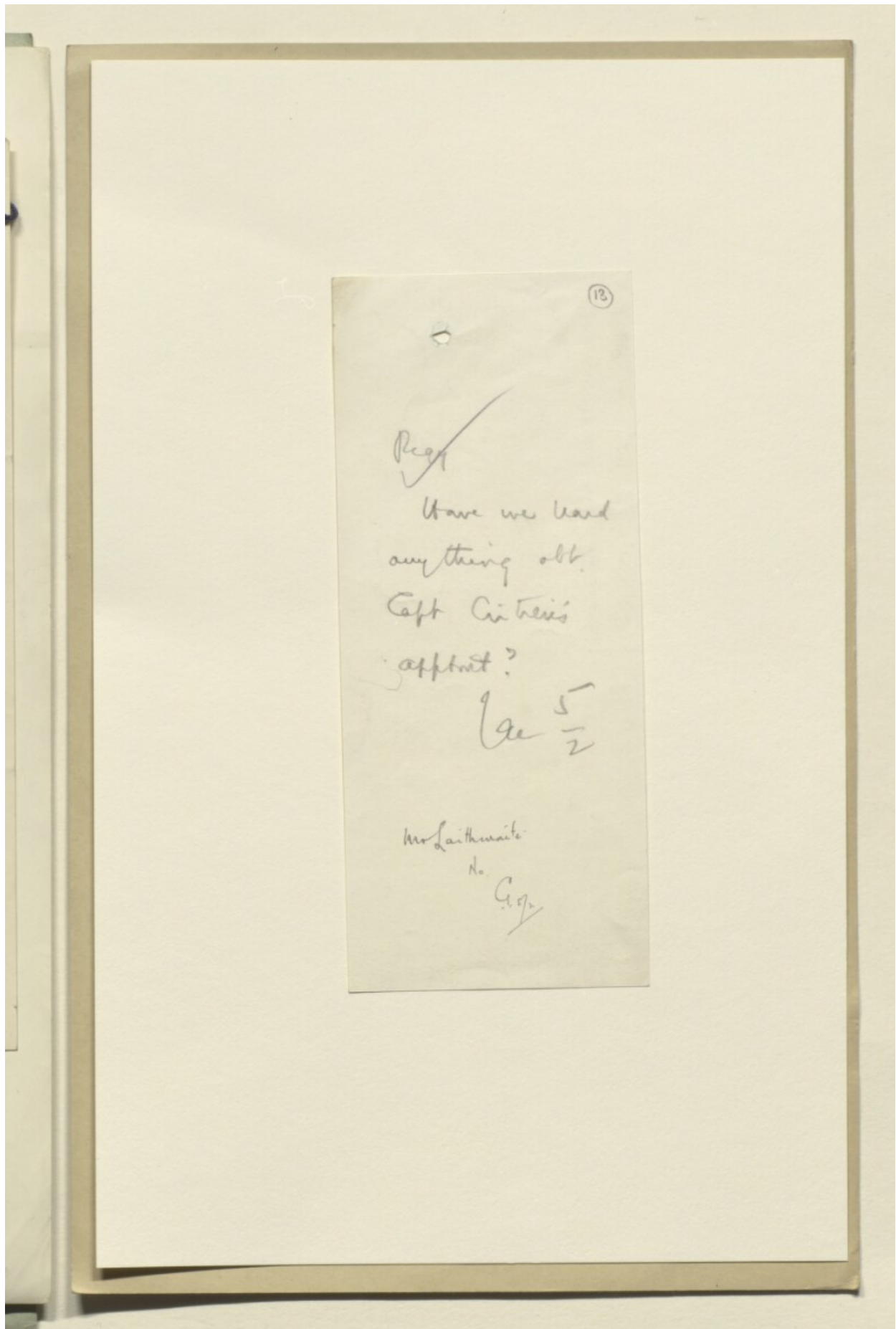


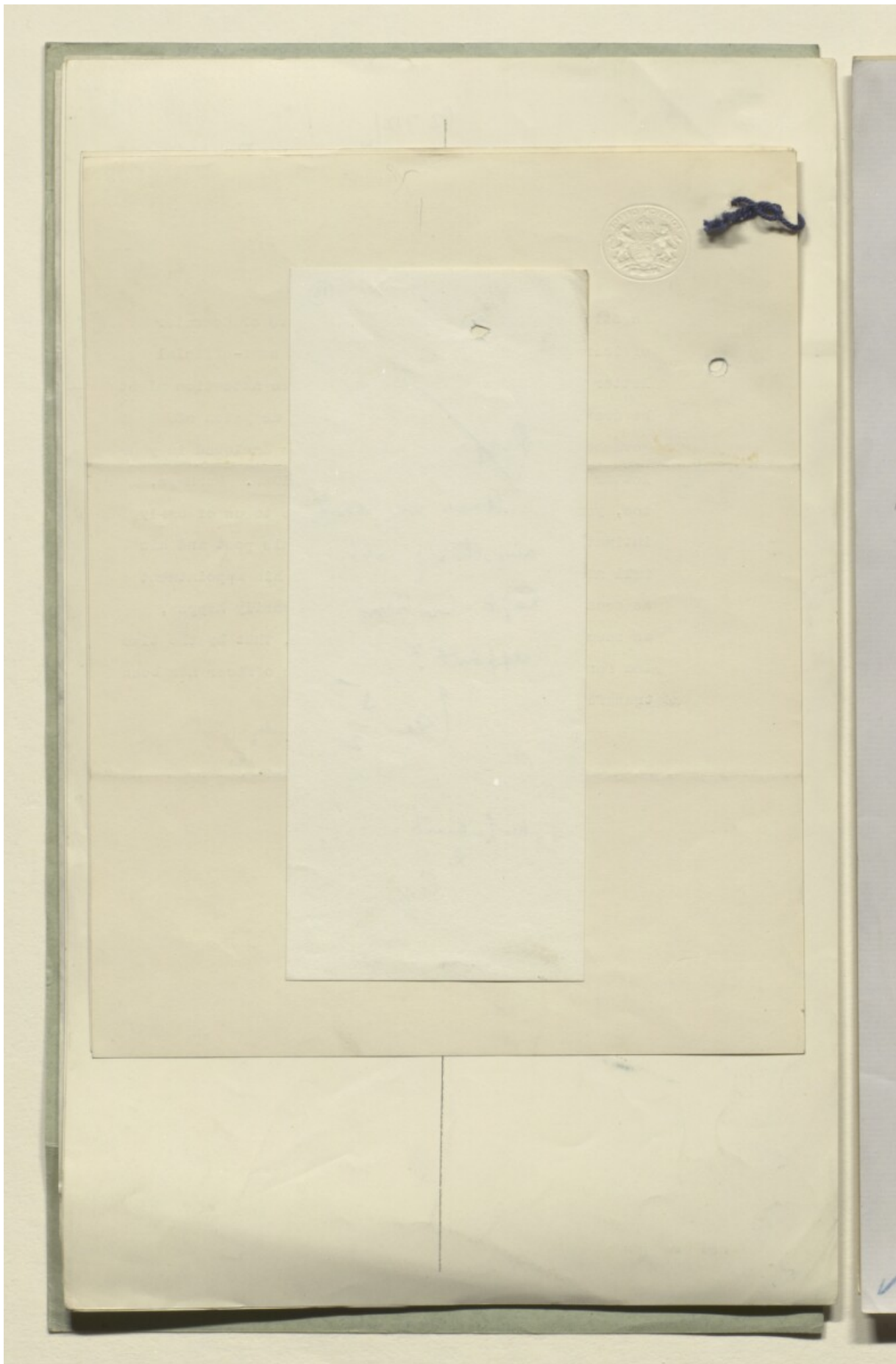














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Letter from **F.O.** Dated **22 Dec** 192 **S**
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11 JAN 1929

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Draft Secretary's Letter to Govt of India drawing attention to their failure to report changes at Baku

APPROVED
POLITICAL COMMITTEE **11 JAN 1929**

Letter to Govt of India. **17 JAN 1929**

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No doubt the failure to report these
changes at Bushire was due to an oversight, but the
Govt of India is an old offender in this respect -
see the correspondence of 1925, P 1402²⁵ -
and they should have been more careful. A
draft letter drawing attention to their oversight,
and enforcing strict compliance with the
proceeds laid down in 1925 for the future,
is submitted

Done at 16
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The Secretary to the Govt. of India
F. P. Dept.

No. K 14144 / 13302 / 234
8. 20 December 1928

Copy to F.O.

11 JAN 1929

17 JAN 1929

Changes in the personnel of
political appointments in Persia
to which consular notes or attaches.

Sir,

With reference to the telegram from the Govt. of India, No. 10 E of the 28th January 1927, and connected correspondence, I am directed by the Sd. L. to enclose for the information of the Govt. of India, a copy of a letter from the Foreign Office regarding a resolution from the procedure to be adopted for reporting consular appointments described in para (b) of the letter in Persia, as mentioned in the letter No. 392 E of the 9th November 1925, in connection with the cessation of Mr. A. H. Sturworth's tenure of office as Consul General at Bushire and the appointment of Sir D. Johnson as his successor. No intimation regarding these changes was communicated to the Sd. L. by the Govt. of India, nor apparently to Mr. A. H. Sturworth at Johnson.

2. In this connection I am to draw special attention to the last paragraph of the 20. letter. The Govt. would be glad if the greatest care

2. The India Office letter of the 2nd November No. P 5900, refers to in the first paragraph of the I.O. letter, was ^{merely} forwarding a copy of a telegram of the 2nd November received from Sir J. Johnston intimating that he had assumed charge of the British Residency and Consulate General on the 1st November.

(Sd.) J. C. WALTON.



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In any further communication on this subject, please quote
No. K 14144/13302/234.

and address—
not to any person by name,
but to—
"The Under-Secretary of State,"
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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FOREIGN OFFICE.
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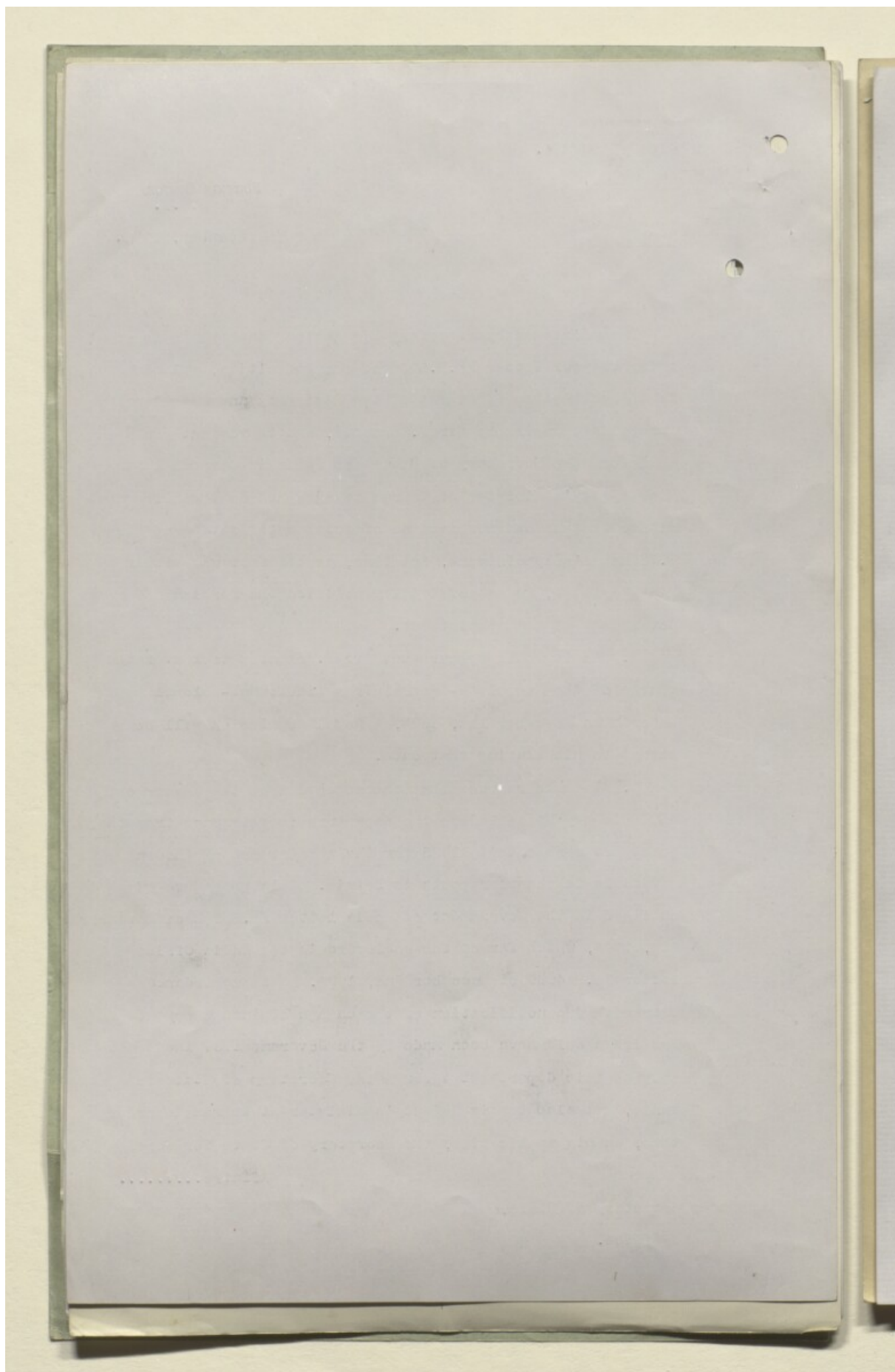
I am directed by Secretary Sir Austen Chamberlain to refer to your letter No.P.5900 of the 2nd ultimo, relative to the assumption of charge of the Residency and Consulate General at Bushire by Sir F.Johnston, and to request you to inform the Secretary of State for India in Council that His Majesty's Minister at Tehran telegraphed on the 20th ultimo that he had received no official notification of Sir F.Johnston's appointment, but that, as the fact was within his knowledge, he had officially notified the Persian Government of the appointment.

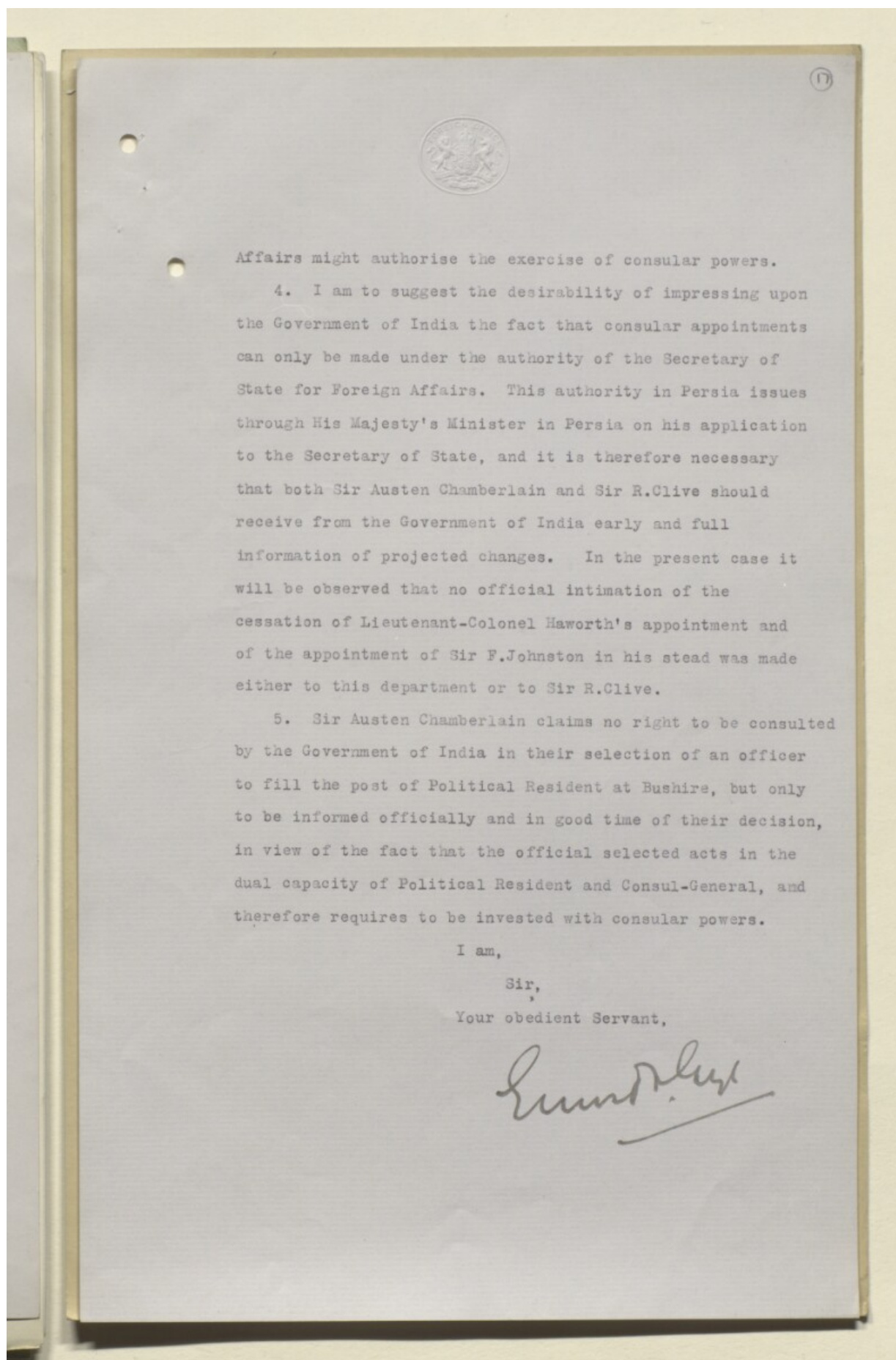
2. As it would appear that Sir F.Johnston took over the charge of the Consulate-General from Lieutenant-Colonel Haworth on November 1st, 1923, a Royal Commission will be issued to him bearing that date.

3. I am to request that the attention of the Government of India may be called to the departure in this case from the procedure agreed to in 1925 for the appointment of Indian officials to consular posts in Persia. This procedure was outlined in the Government of India letter No.392 E of November 9th, 1925, which formed the enclosure in the India Office letter No.P 4089 of December 2nd, 1925. In accordance therewith due notification of the change of incumbency at Bushire should have been made by the Government of India not only to this department through the Secretary of State for India, but also to His Majesty's Minister at Tehran in order that, on his application, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.....

The Under Secretary of State,
India Office.

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Affairs might authorise the exercise of consular powers.

4. I am to suggest the desirability of impressing upon the Government of India the fact that consular appointments can only be made under the authority of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. This authority in Persia issues through His Majesty's Minister in Persia on his application to the Secretary of State, and it is therefore necessary that both Sir Austen Chamberlain and Sir R.Clive should receive from the Government of India early and full information of projected changes. In the present case it will be observed that no official intimation of the cessation of Lieutenant-Colonel Haworth's appointment and of the appointment of Sir F.Johnston in his stead was made either to this department or to Sir R.Clive.

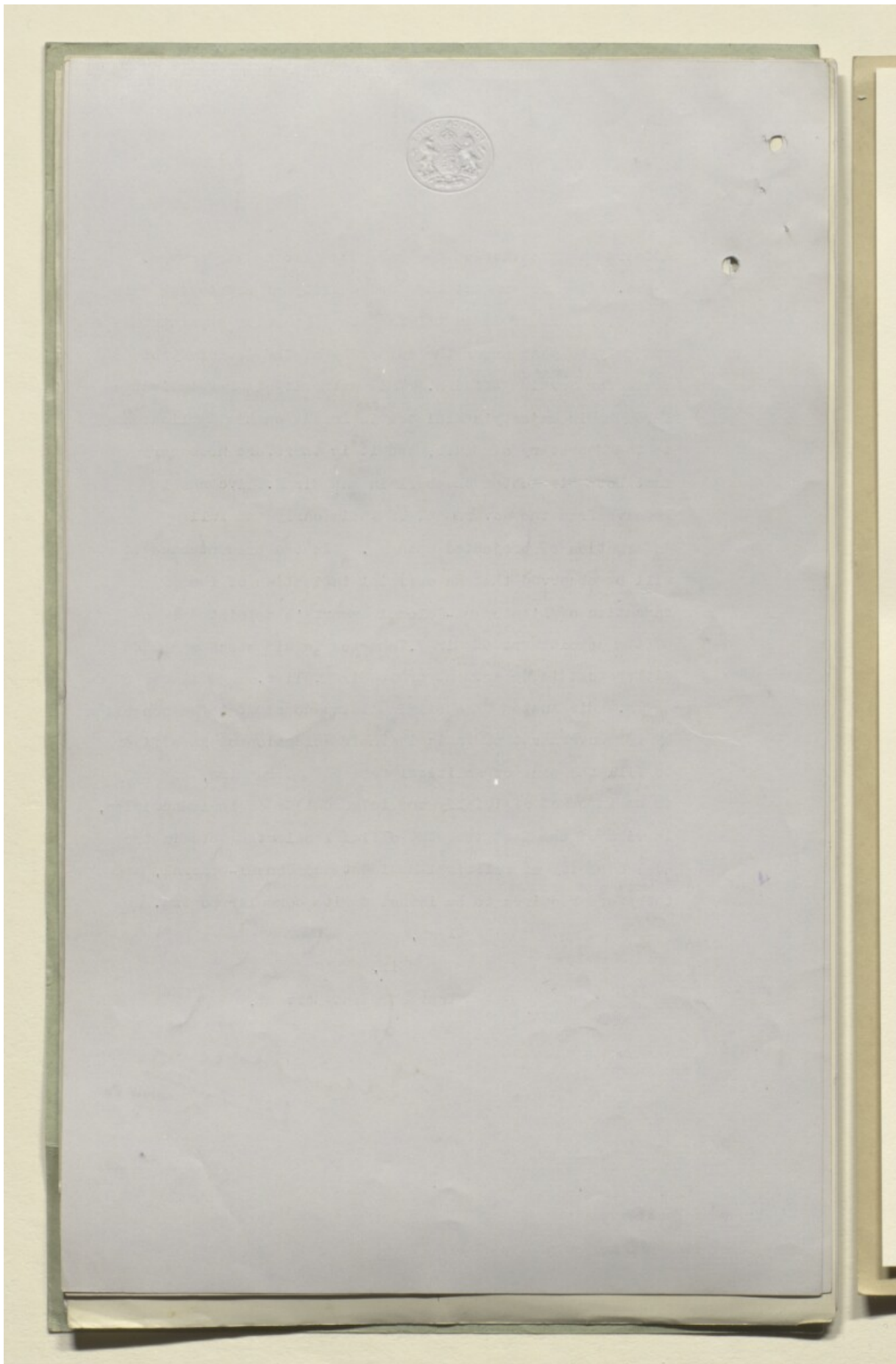
5. Sir Austen Chamberlain claims no right to be consulted by the Government of India in their selection of an officer to fill the post of Political Resident at Bushire, but only to be informed officially and in good time of their decision, in view of the fact that the official selected acts in the dual capacity of Political Resident and Consul-General, and therefore requires to be invested with consular powers.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Edmund Clive





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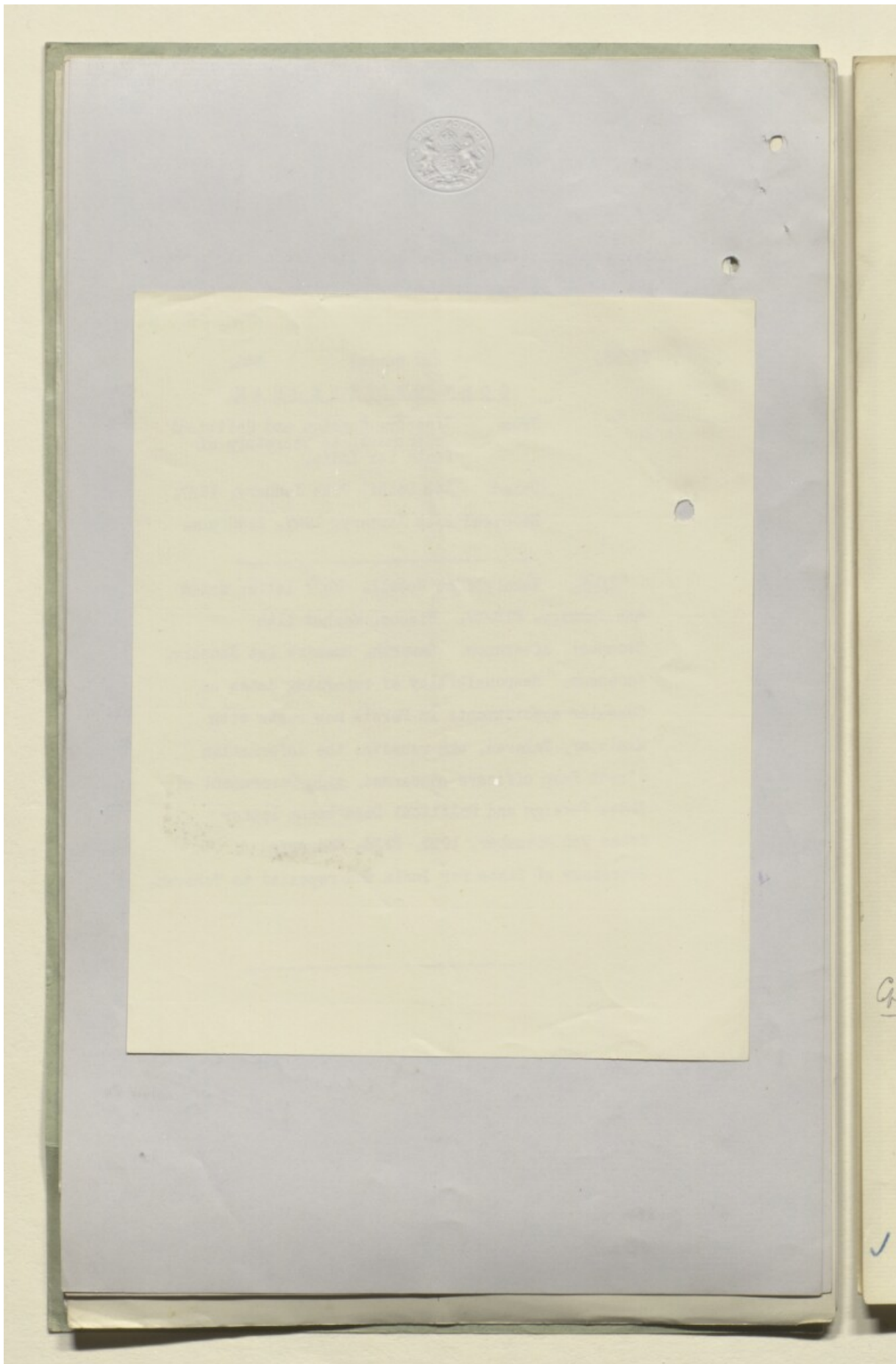
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From Viceroy, Foreign and Political
Department, to Secretary of
State for India.

Dated New Delhi, 28th January, 1927.

Received 28th January, 1927, 2.40 p.m.

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6th January, P18/27. Biscoe, Meshed 11th
December, afternoon. Haworth, Bushire 1st January,
forenoon. Responsibility of reporting dates of
Consular appointments in Persia now rests with
Minister, Teheran, who receives the information
direct from officers concerned, vide Government of
India Foreign and Political Department letter
dated 9th November, 1925, 392E, Addressed
Secretary of State for India and repeated to Teheran.





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24 DEC 1925

Changes in the numbering
of Consular posts in Russia
filed by officers of the Indian
Pt. Dep't.

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Sir:

I am directed by the S.G.S. to
acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of the 9th November 2032-E and
to say that, with the
concurrence of the S.G.S., the
attached revised procedure, as
indicated in your letter, for the
supply of information regarding
changes in consular appointments
in Russia.

A copy of the marginally noted
corr^e exchanged with the F.O.
on the subject is enclosed for
information.

(SD.) L. D. WAKELY

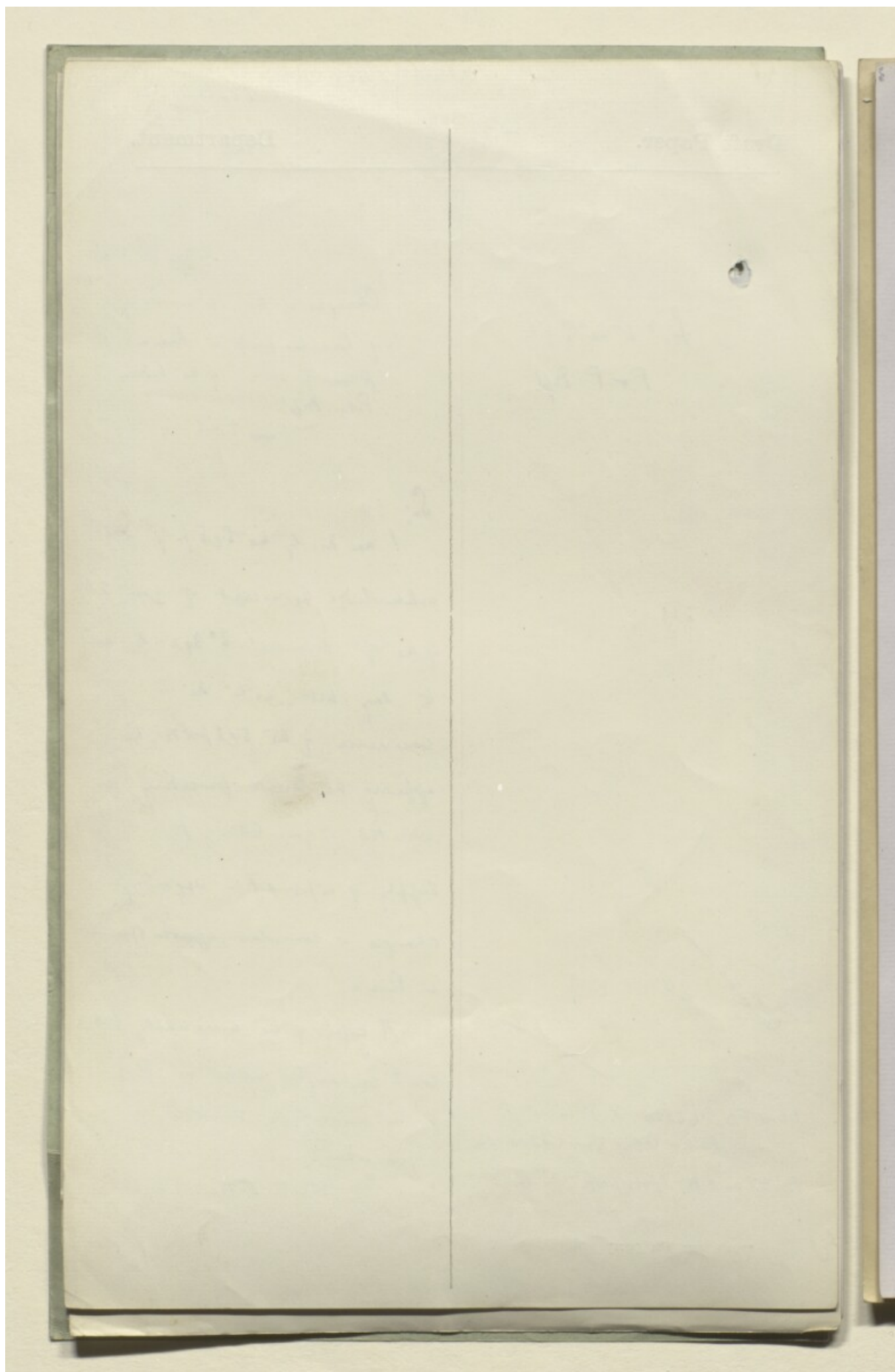
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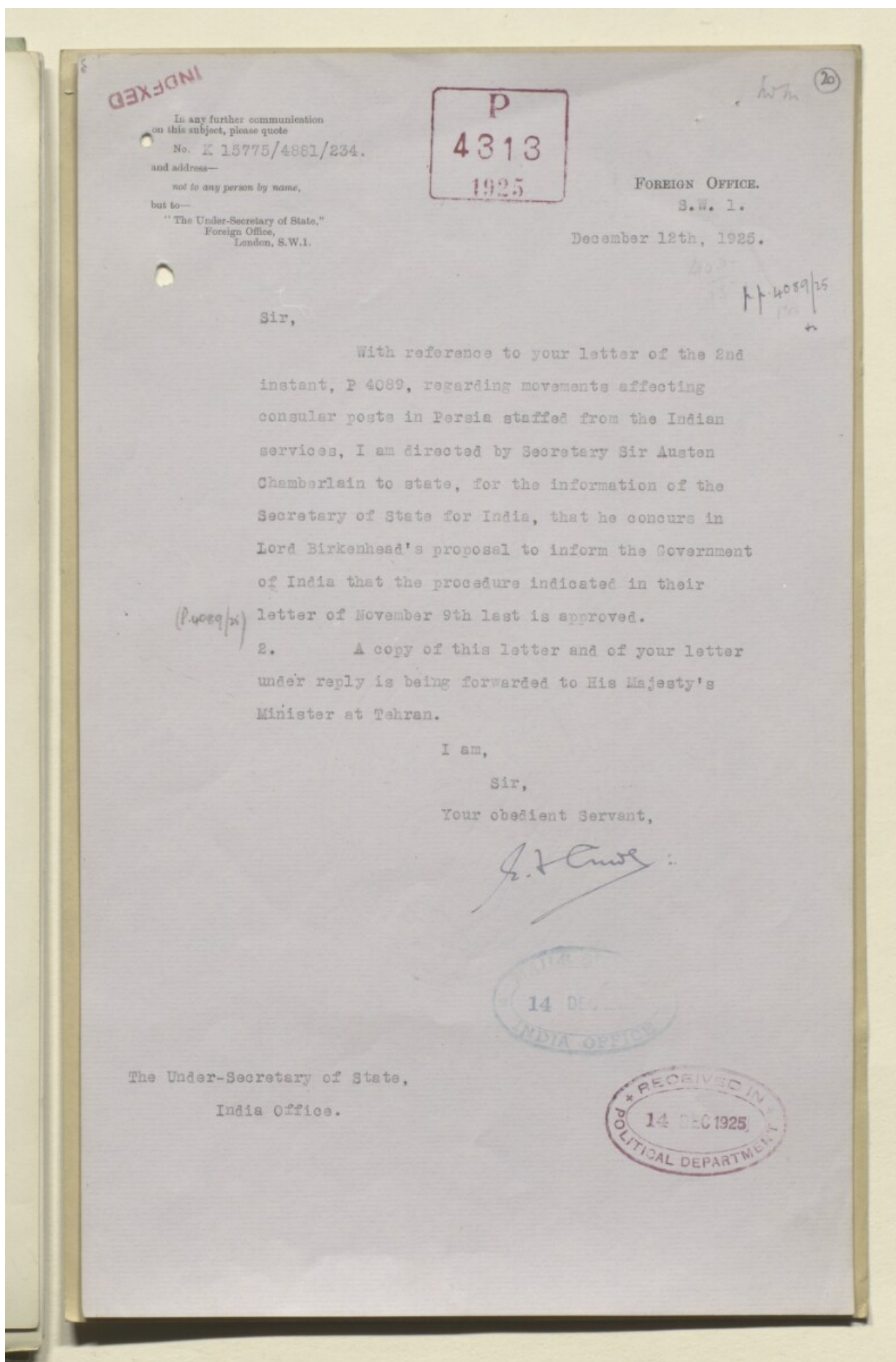
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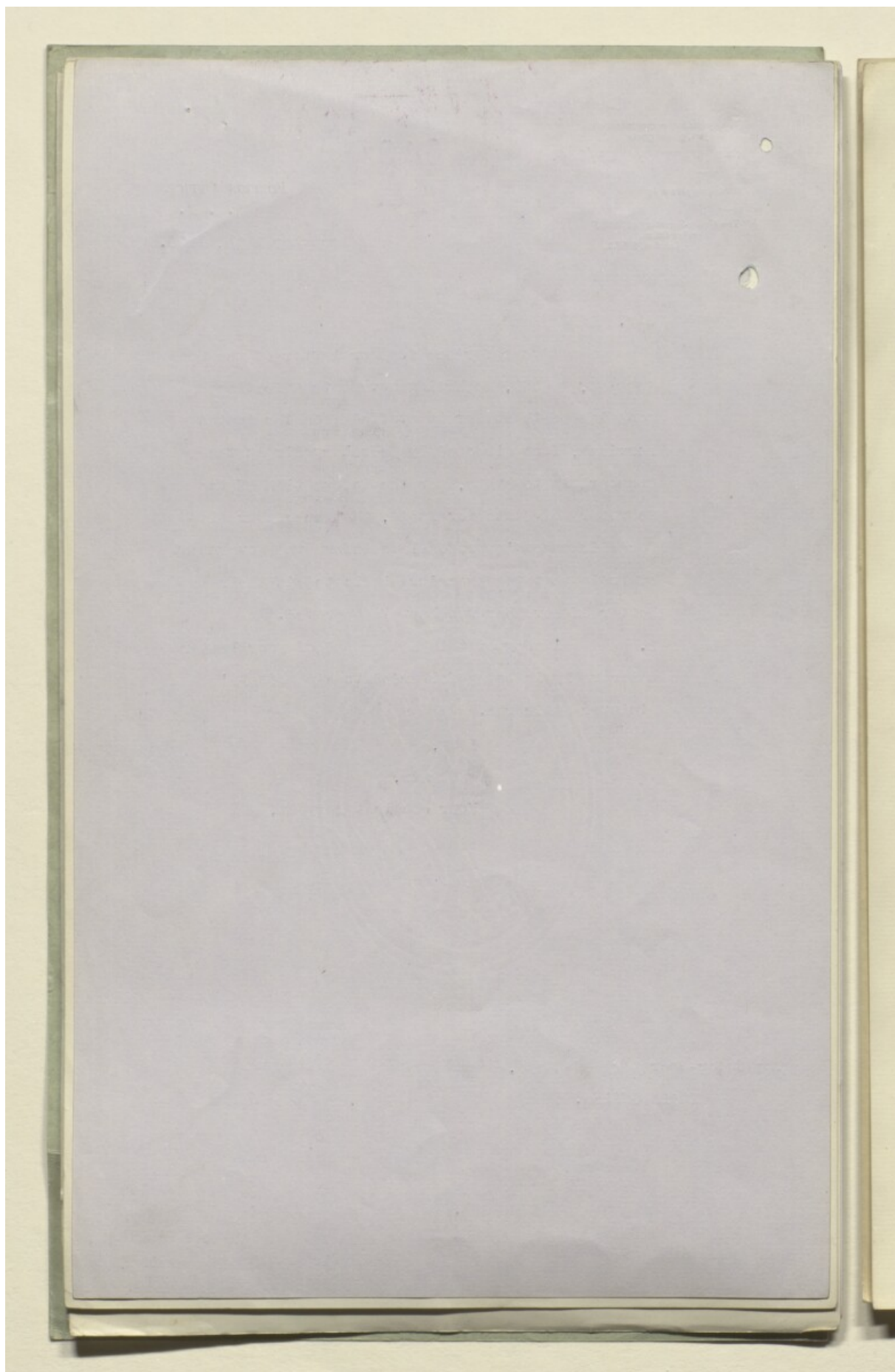
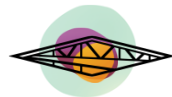
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 With refⁿ to your letter of the 7th May
 last. No K 4881/4881/234 I am
 directed by the S.G.S. to transmit to
 the Lord-Lieut. the S.G.S. a
 copy of a letter setting forth the
 procedure which, with the concurrence
 of H.H. Minister at Tehran, the G.O.
 have decided, subject to approval, to
 adopt for the supply of information
 regarding changes in consular
 appointments in Persia which are
 shifted from the Indian services.

It is proposed, if the S.G. to P.A.
consents, to inform the Gvt. that
the procedure indicated in this
letter is approved. It would be
observed that in accordance with the
second para: of this letter changes of
personnel will be reported direct-ly
to Hq. Minister to the P.A., as well as
indirectly through this Office by the Gvt.
in accordance with para: 1(6); & that
applications for the grant of consular
passes

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forms to individual officers with a
future ^{to} submitted by H. H. Minister.
It would be a convenience if ^{after} con-
exchanged by your Dept. with H. H.
Minister, in pursuance of this
procedure, might be communicated
as occasion arises to this Office
for the purpose of completing
its records.

(SD) L. D. WAKELY.



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From
The Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To
The Secretary,
Political Department,
India Office, London.

Dated Delhi, the 9th November 1925.

Changes in the personnel of political
appointments in Persia to which
consular duties are attached.

Sir,

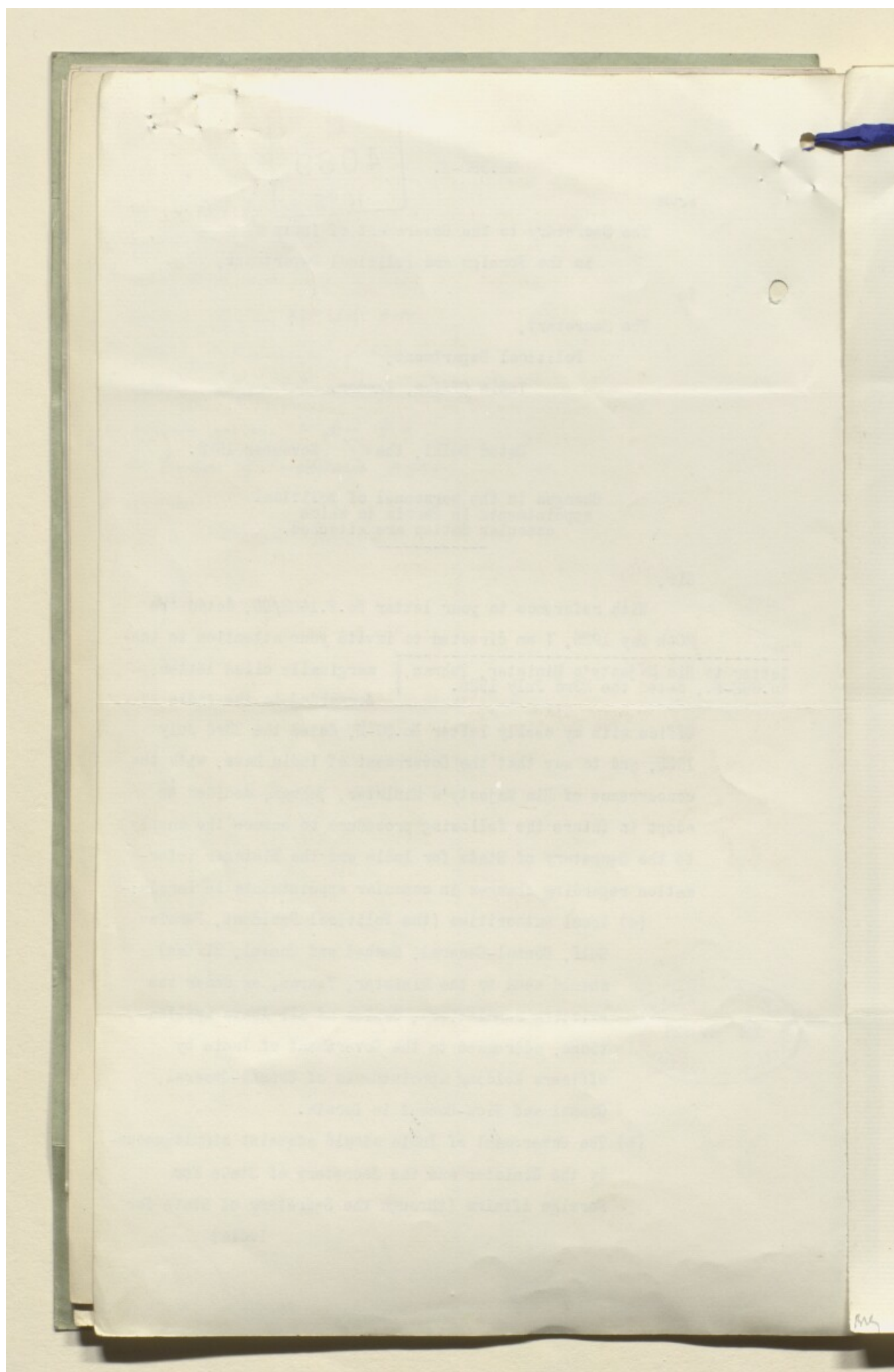
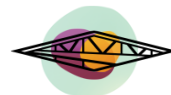
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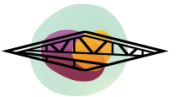
With reference to your letter No.P.1402/25, dated the
20th May 1925, I am directed to invite your attention to the
Letter to His Majesty's Minister, Tehran, marginally cited letter,
No.392-E., dated the 23rd July 1925. forwarded to the India
Office with my weekly letter No.57-M, dated the 23rd July
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concurrence of His Majesty's Minister, Tehran, decided to
adopt in future the following procedure to ensure the supply
to the Secretary of State for India and the Minister infor-
mation regarding changes in consular appointments in Persia:-

(a) Local authorities (the Political Resident, Persian
Gulf, Consul-General, Meshed and Consul, Sistan)
should send to the Minister, Tehran, as under the
existing regulations, copies of all leave applica-
tions, addressed to the Government of India by
officers holding appointments of Consul-General,
Consul and Vice-Consul in Persia.

(b) The Government of India should acquaint simultaneous-
ly the Minister and the Secretary of State for
Foreign Affairs (through the Secretary of State for
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India) with any changes (temporary or permanent) of personnel in the above mentioned appointments which they propose to make.

(c) When a change has been decided upon, the local authorities concerned should send telegraphic information to the Minister, beforehand, of the probable date of arrival of the new incumbent and when actual transfer takes place, they should send a telegraphic charge report to the Government of India, repeating it to Tehran.

2. Report to the Foreign Office, London, of the change of personnel that may be decided upon by the Government of India and application to them for necessary consular powers will in future be made by the Minister.

3. The Government of India trust that this new arrangement will meet with the approval of the Secretary of State for India.

4. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Minister, Tehran, the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, the Consul-General, Meshed, and the Consul, Sistan, for information and guidance.

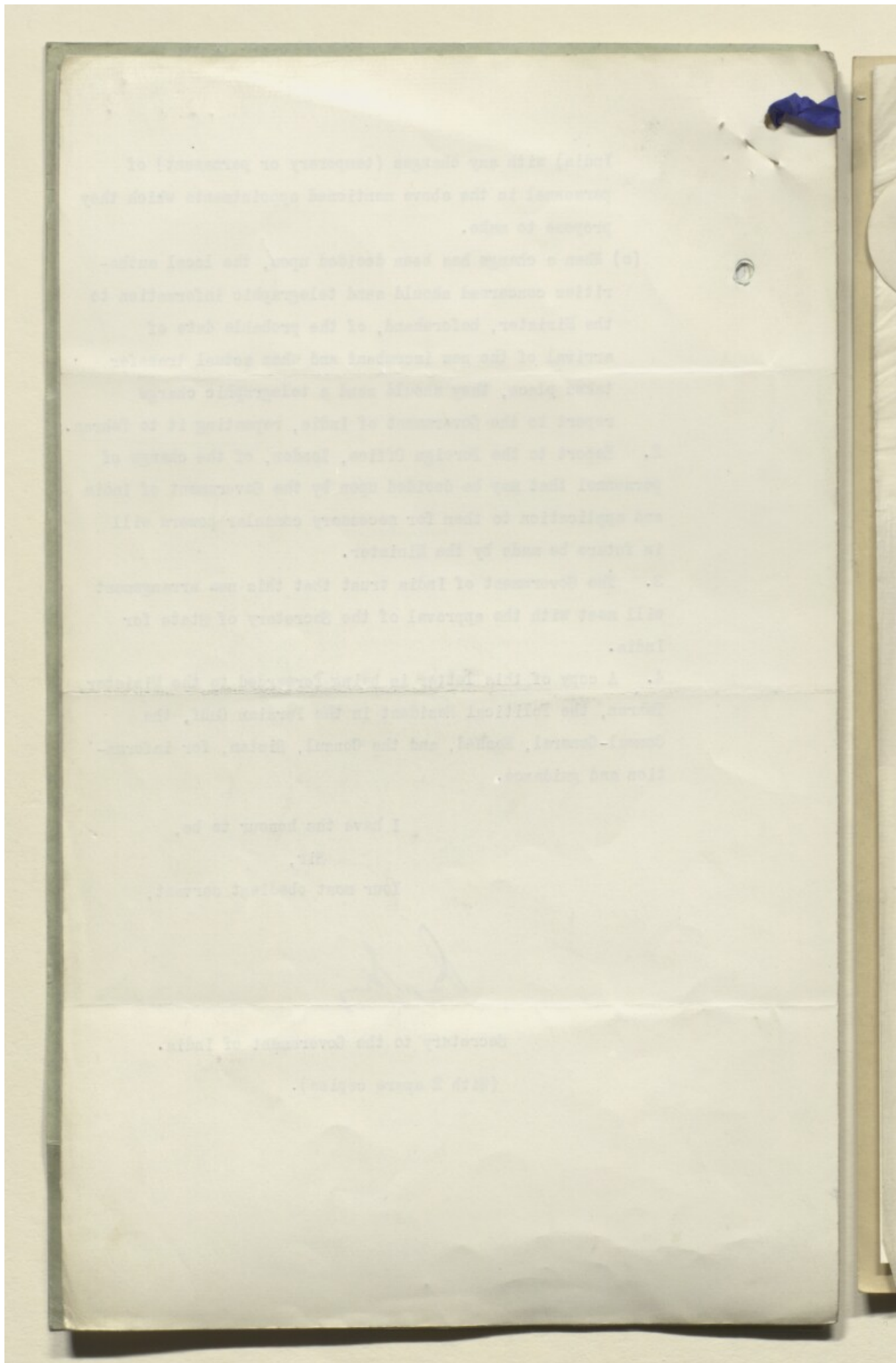
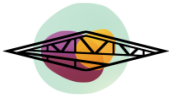
I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Secretary to the Government of India.

(With 2 spare copies).





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No. 392-E.

From
The Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign and Political Department,

To
His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary,

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ENCLOSURE IN
INDIA FOREIGN SECRETARY'S
Letter No. 57.M.
Dated 23 JUL 1925
Received 10 AUG 1925

Dated Simla, the 23rd July 1925.

Changes in the personnel of Political appointments
in Persia to which consular duties are attached.

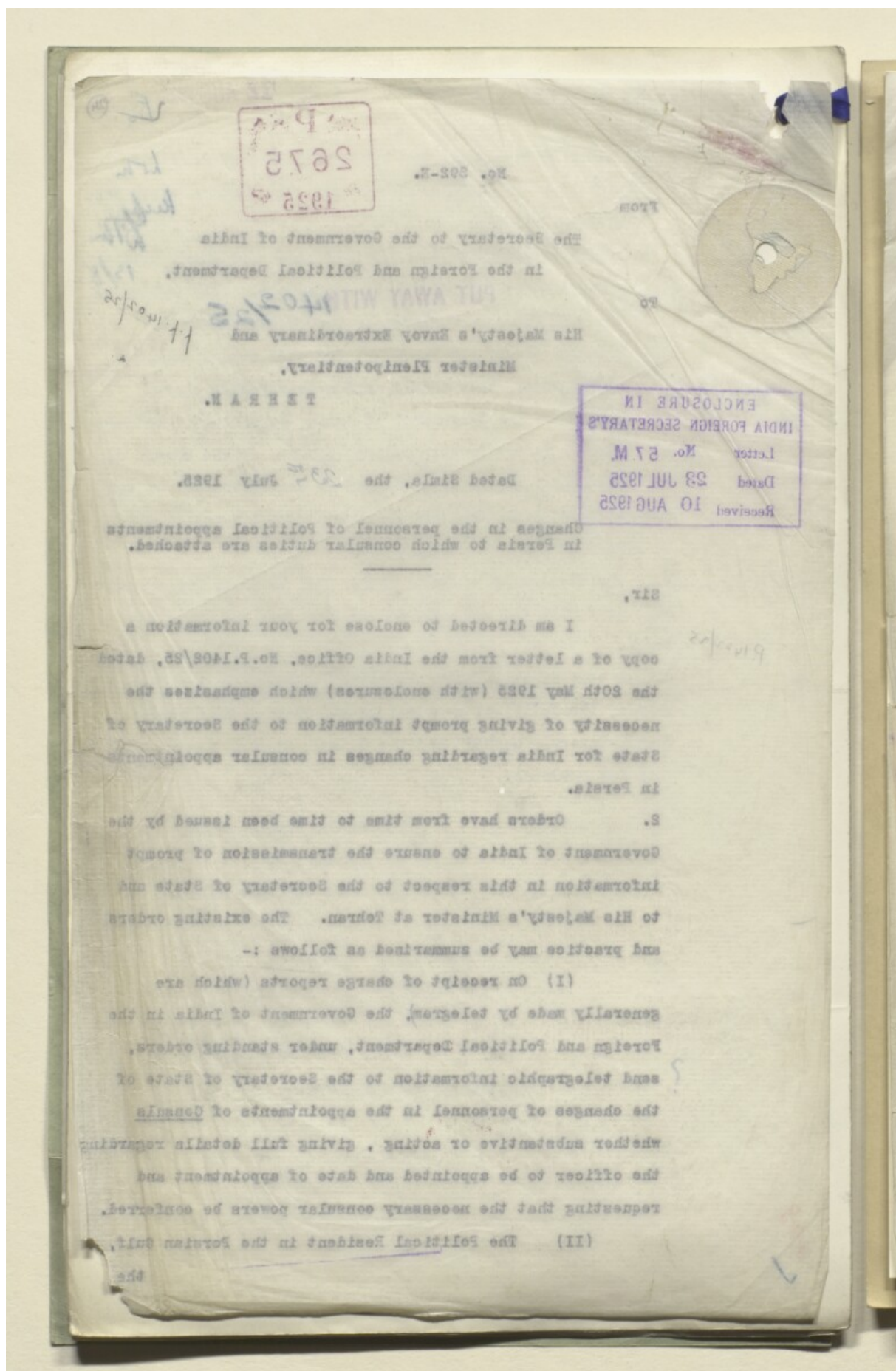
Sir,

I am directed to enclose for your information a
copy of a letter from the India Office, No.P.1402/25, dated
the 20th May 1925 (with enclosures) which emphasizes the
necessity of giving prompt information to the Secretary of
State for India regarding changes in consular appointments
in Persia.

2. Orders have from time to time been issued by the
Government of India to ensure the transmission of prompt
information in this respect to the Secretary of State and
to His Majesty's Minister at Tehran. The existing orders
and practice may be summarised as follows :-

(I) On receipt of charge reports (which are
generally made by telegram, the Government of India in the
Foreign and Political Department, under standing orders,
send telegraphic information to the Secretary of State of
the changes of personnel in the appointments of Consuls
whether substantive or acting, giving full details regarding
the officer to be appointed and date of appointment and
requesting that the necessary consular powers be conferred.

(II) The Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,
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the Consul General, Meshed, and the Consul, Sistan, are required, under standing orders of the Government of India, to forward to the Minister copies of all applications for

Vide Foreign Department letter No.1995-1 leave from consular
dated the 31st August 1906.

officers in order to enable him to express, if necessary, an opinion as to the special qualifications required of the successor.

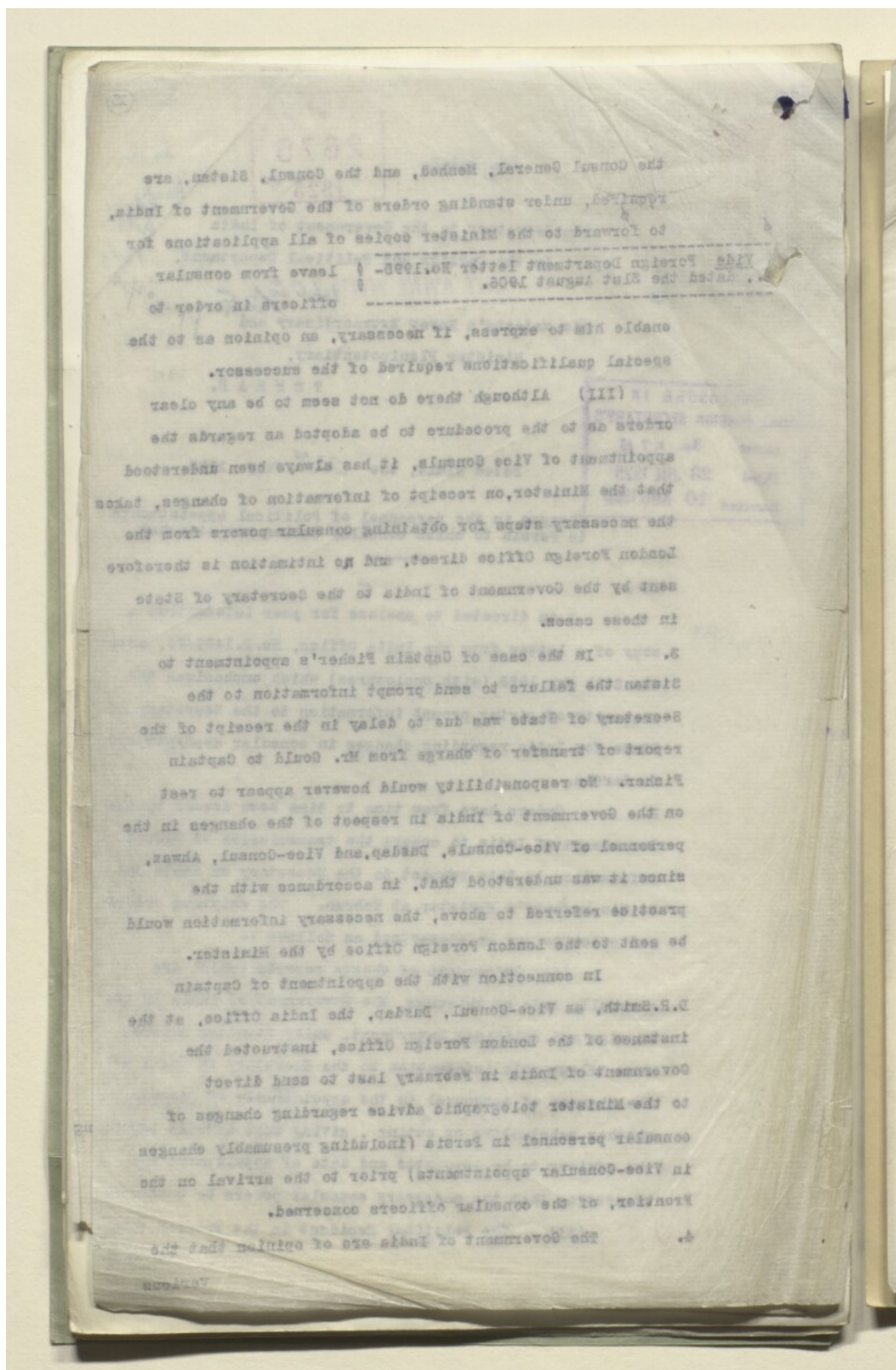
(III) Although there do not seem to be any clear orders as to the procedure to be adopted as regards the appointment of Vice Consuls, it has always been understood that the Minister, on receipt of information of changes, takes the necessary steps for obtaining consular powers from the London Foreign Office direct, and no intimation is therefore sent by the Government of India to the Secretary of State in these cases.

3. In the case of Captain Fisher's appointment to Sistan the failure to send prompt information to the Secretary of State was due to delay in the receipt of the report of transfer of charge from Mr. Gould to Captain Fisher. No responsibility would however appear to rest on the Government of India in respect of the changes in the personnel of Vice-Consuls, Duzdap, and Vice-Consul, Ahwas, since it was understood that, in accordance with the practice referred to above, the necessary information would be sent to the London Foreign Office by the Minister.

In connection with the appointment of Captain D.R. Smith, as Vice-Consul, Duzdap, the India Office, at the instance of the London Foreign Office, instructed the Government of India in February last to send direct to the Minister telegraphic advice regarding changes of consular personnel in Persia (including presumably changes in Vice-Consular appointments) prior to the arrival on the Frontier, of the consular officers concerned.

4. The Government of India are of opinion that the

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- (i) that the Minister should be consulted by them before any changes of personnel in the consular and vice-consular appointments in Persia are decided upon, the previous orders requiring local authorities to send copies of leave applications to the Minister being cancelled;
- (ii) that when a change has been decided upon, the local authorities concerned (the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, Consul, Sistan and Consul General, Meshed, as the case may be) shall send telegraphic information to the Minister beforehand, of the probable date of the arrival of the new incumbent and, when actual transfer takes place, they should send a telegraphic charge report to the Government of India, repeating ^{it} to **Tehran.**

5. Before the matter is referred to His Majesty's Government, the Government of India will be glad to be informed



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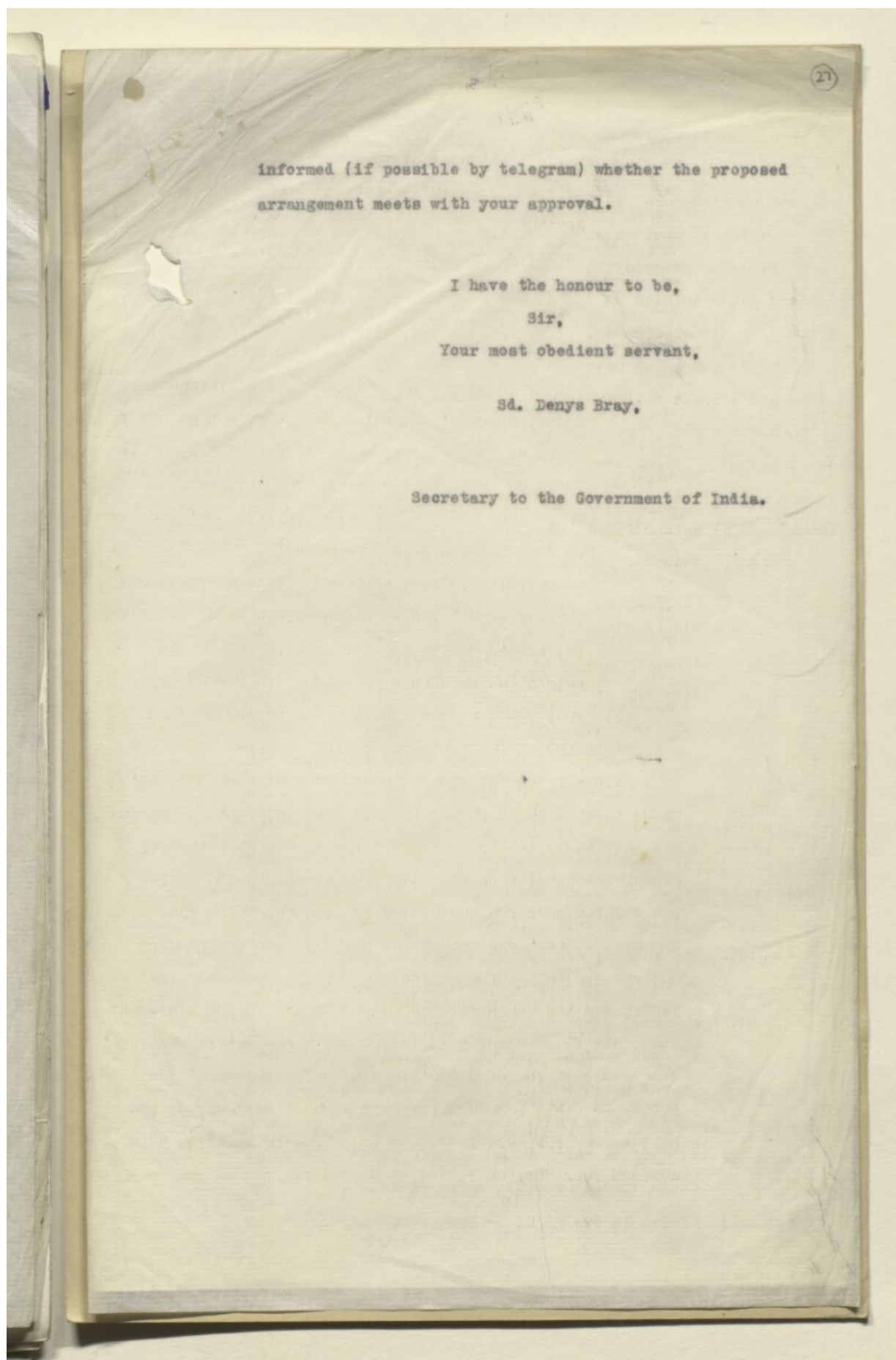
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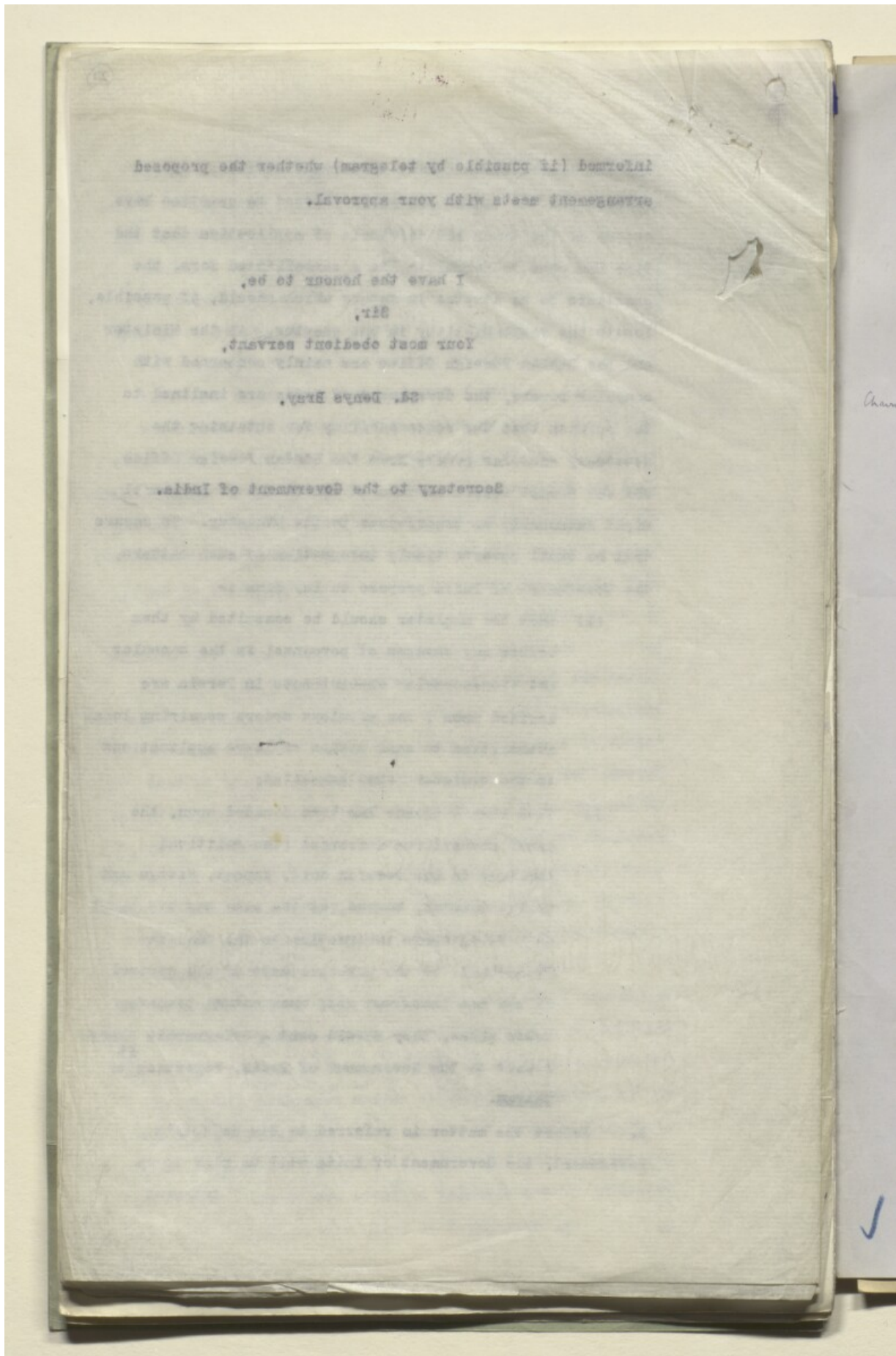
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FOR USE BY DEPARTMENTS ONLY.					
Draft Secretary's Letter to India asking that all changes shall be immediately reported by telegram.					
18 MAY 1925			APPROVED POLITICAL COMMITTEE.		
Letter to Govt of India			21 MAY 1925		
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In the matter of failing to keep us informed of the postings of Consular Officers in Persia the Govt of India are incorrigible. We have constantly to write or wire to India for information regarding such and such an appointment, either for our own benefit or at the request of the F.O., and this in spite of repeated official requests that all movements of Consular Officers should be reported to this Office as soon as decided upon — see in this connection the annexed extracts from despatches etc. It therefore seems desirable to once more try and "bring up" the Govt of India with being more business like in reporting such appointments. It may not be possible to say definitely in every case whether any particular appointment is permanent or temporary, or whether the old incumbent will be returning to his post after leave or, but there can be nothing to prevent all appointments being reported as soon as they are decided upon, or full information being given in the case of a substantive appointment.

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Political Despatch 109, 5 Nov. 1896

I have to request that Y. E. will be so good as to inform me, on each occasion of any changes, whether temporary or permanent, made by your Govt. in the personnel of political appointments to which consular duties are attached.

Political Despatch 45, 27 May 1897.

2. I request that Y. E. will take steps to ensure the fulfilment of the understanding which has been accepted by the F.O. viz., that intimation of any change, whether substantive or acting, in the personnel of these appointments, shall be made by telegraph as soon as it is decided upon.

Telegram to India 17 Feb. 1907.

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Your telegram 30 July last. F.O. wish to know actual date of Bally's appointment of Vice Consul at Meshed. Grave inconvenience arises from neglect to carry out instructions regarding appointment of Consuls Pol Despatch 45, 1897.

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Political Despatch 77, 8 August 1913.

In forwarding the enclosed copy of a letter from the F.O. regarding the appointment of Major S.G. Knox C.B. as Honorary Consul at Muscat, I have to draw the attention of F.E.S. Govt. to the instructions contained in Lord George Hamilton's Pol. Despatch 45 of 27 May 1907, which do not appear to have been followed in this case.

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As was pointed out in my predecessor's telegram of 17 Feb 1907, grave inconvenience is caused by the omission to comply with these instructions; and I request that in future you will not fail to report not only changes in personnel, but also in each case whether the officer succeeding to a post is permanently or temporarily deputed.

Demi-official letter to For. Dept 15 Feb 1923.

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In my weekly letter of 8 Feb I sent a copy of a F.O. letter dated 7 Feb at the end of which is a request for information as to Captain Gascoell's position in Arabistan now that his Post has returned to Ahwaz. We have recently had other similar inquiries semi-officially from the F.O. as to who is actually in charge at the various Consular posts in Arabistan; and perhaps you could let me have a list of the present incumbents, acting or permanent. The Pol. Dept quarterly list is apt to be so out of date by the time it reaches us that it is no very great help in answering questions of this sort.



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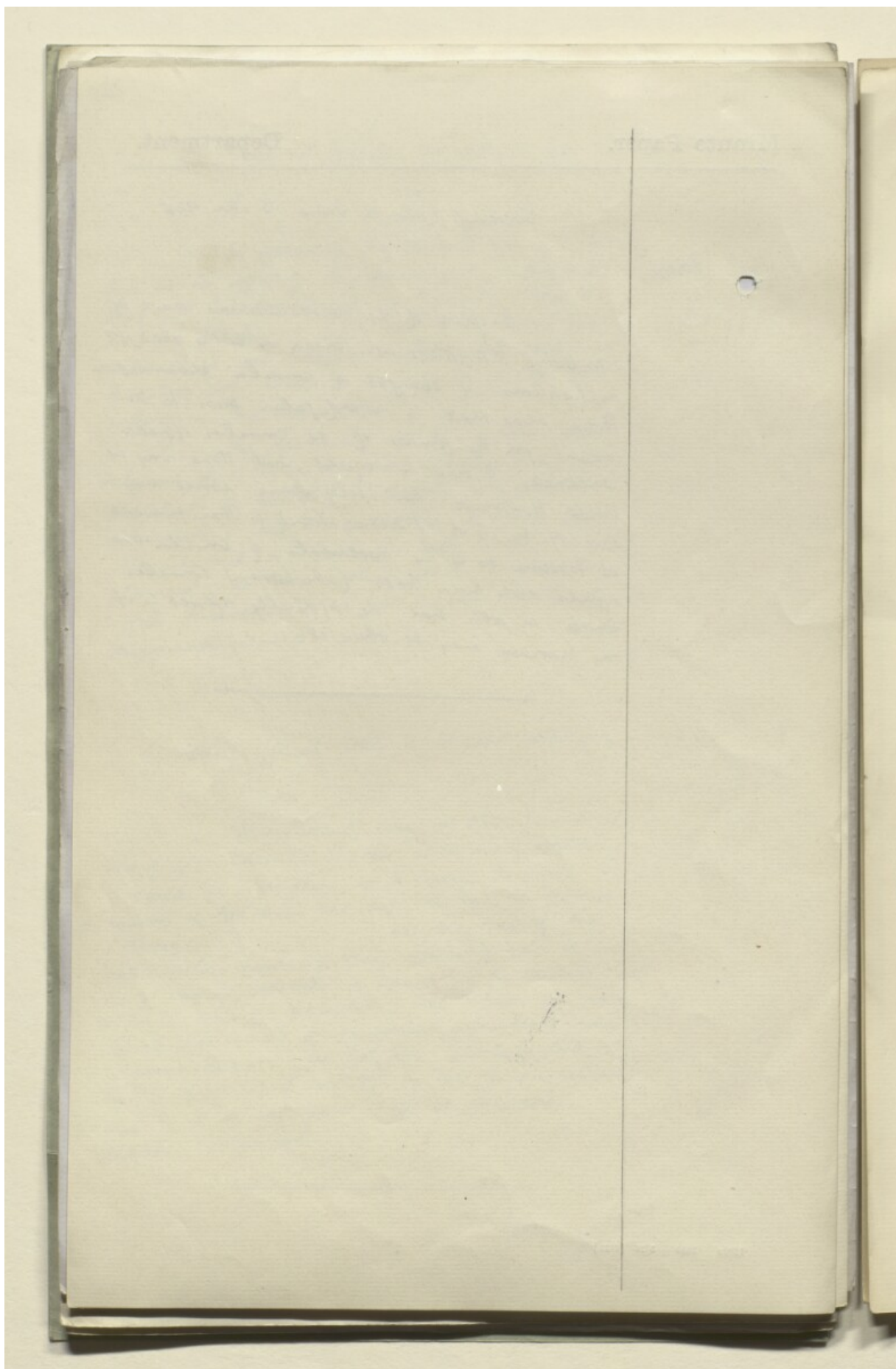
Secretary's Letter to India 15 Jan 1925.

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In view of the representations made by
M. Chaghi d'Affaires at Tehran as to the need for
notifications of changes of consular personnel in
Persia being made to M. Chaghi prior to the
arrival on the frontier of the consular officer
concerned, I am to request that steps may be
taken to ensure that telegraphic advice may be
sent by the Govt. of India direct to M. Chaghi
at Tehran as to the movements of consular
officers other than those of the Levant Consular
Service, in order that the difficulty referred to by
Mr. Monson may be obviated.

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The Secretary
F.P. Dept
Govt. of India.

17.7 May 1925

* Pol. Dispatch to India 109, 5 Nov 1896
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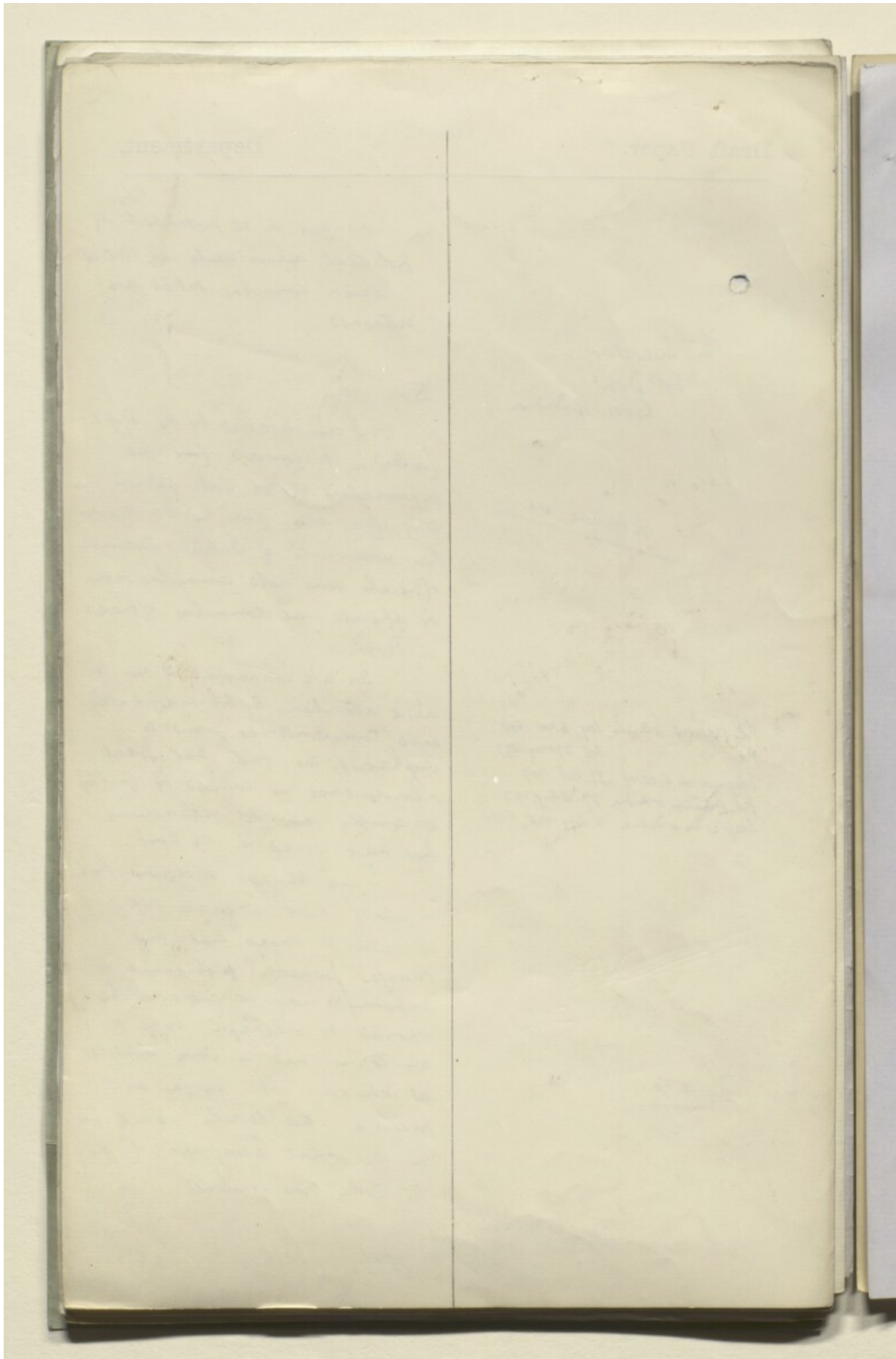
I am directed by the S. of S. for India to forward, for the information of the Govt. of India, a copy of a letter from the F.O. regarding the movements of Indian Government officials who hold consular rank or officiate as consular officers in Persia.

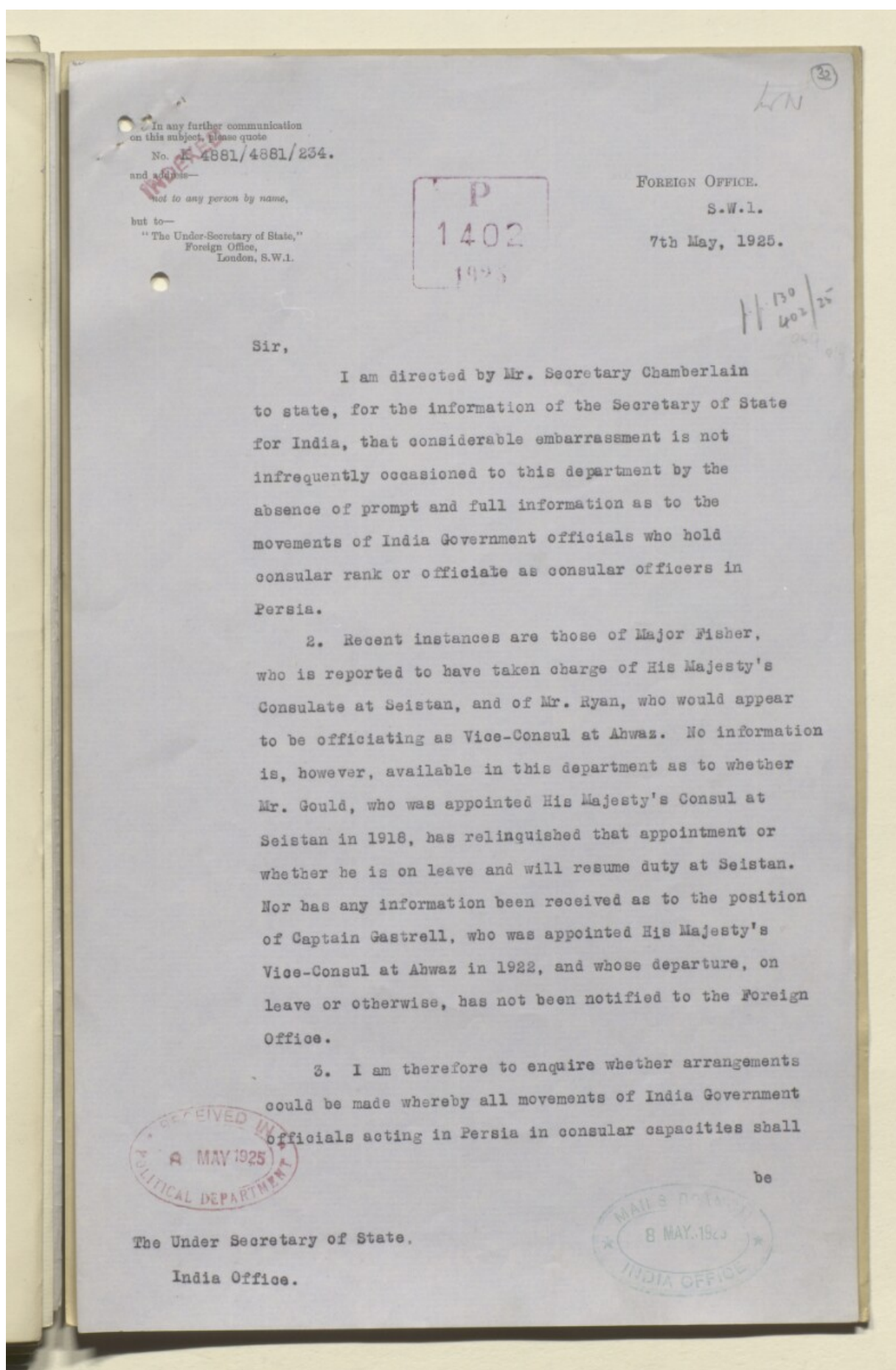
In this connection I am to invite attention to the marginally noted *correspondence, and to emphasise the fact that great inconvenience is caused by failure to comply with the instructions that have issued in the past.

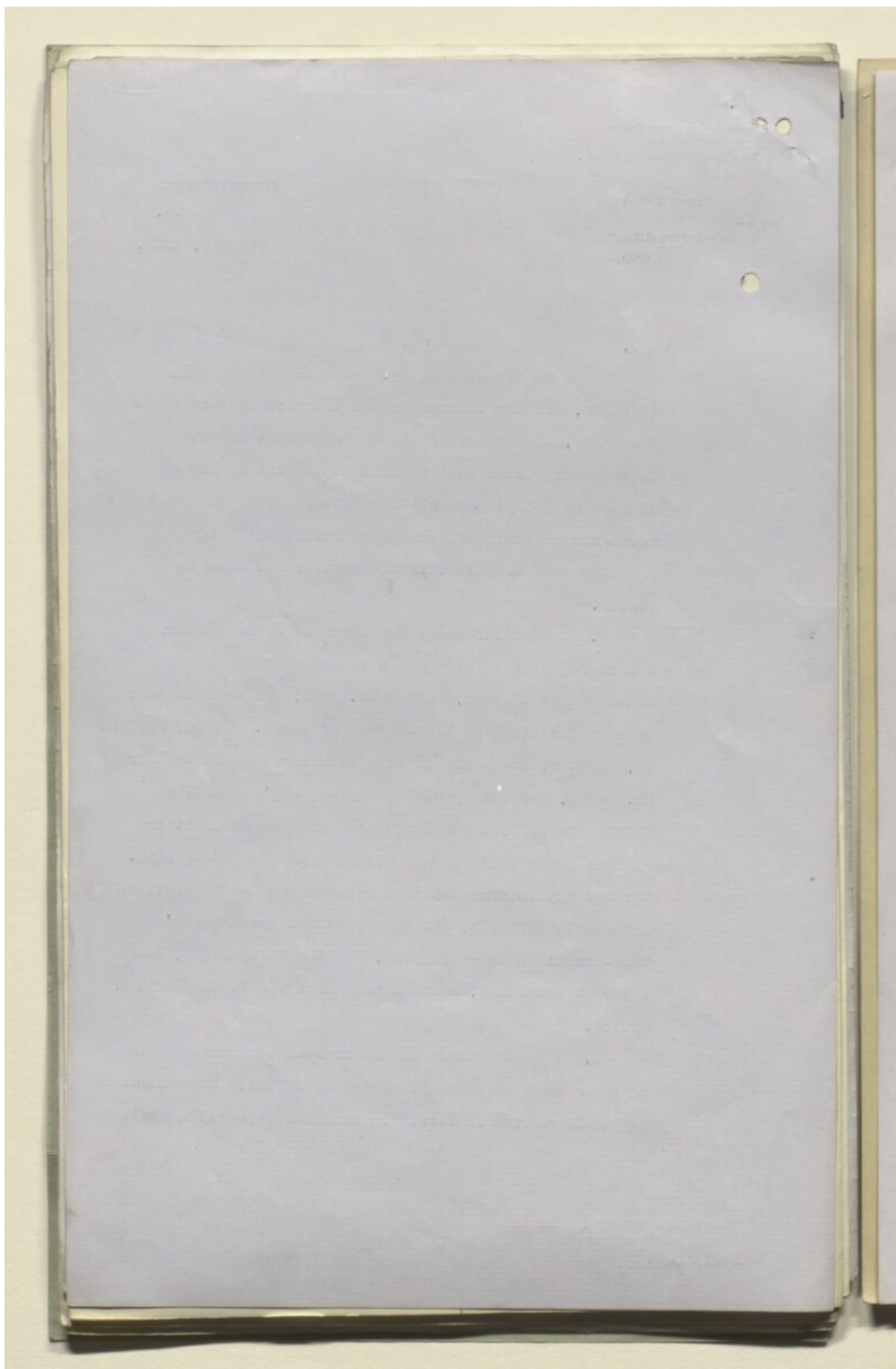
I am therefore to request that in future more adequate steps may be taken to ensure that any changes, whether permanent or temporary, may be immediately reported by telegraph, both to this Office and to your ministers at Tehran, with, as far as possible, the details asked for in the final paragraph of the F.O. letter now enclosed.

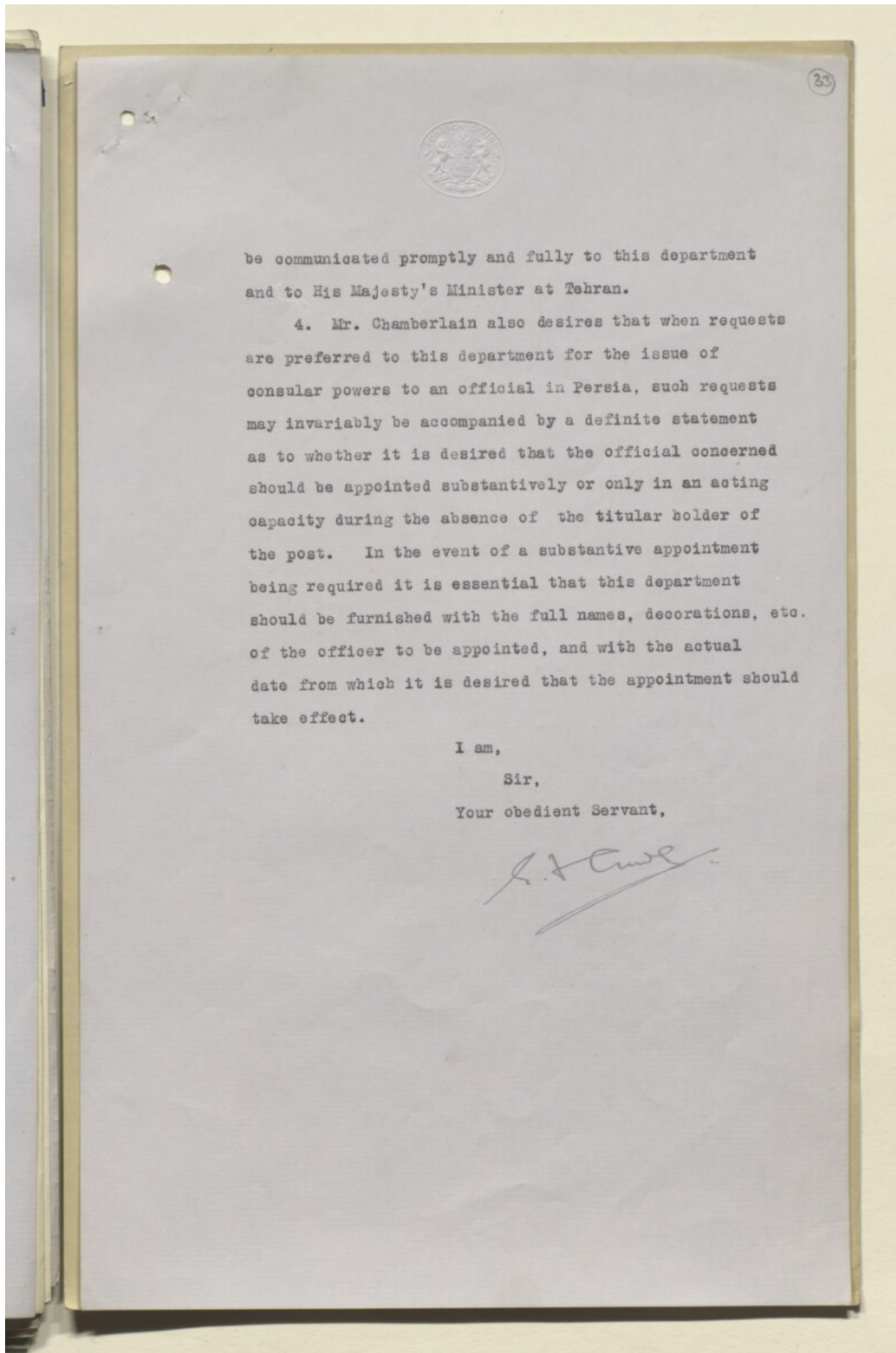
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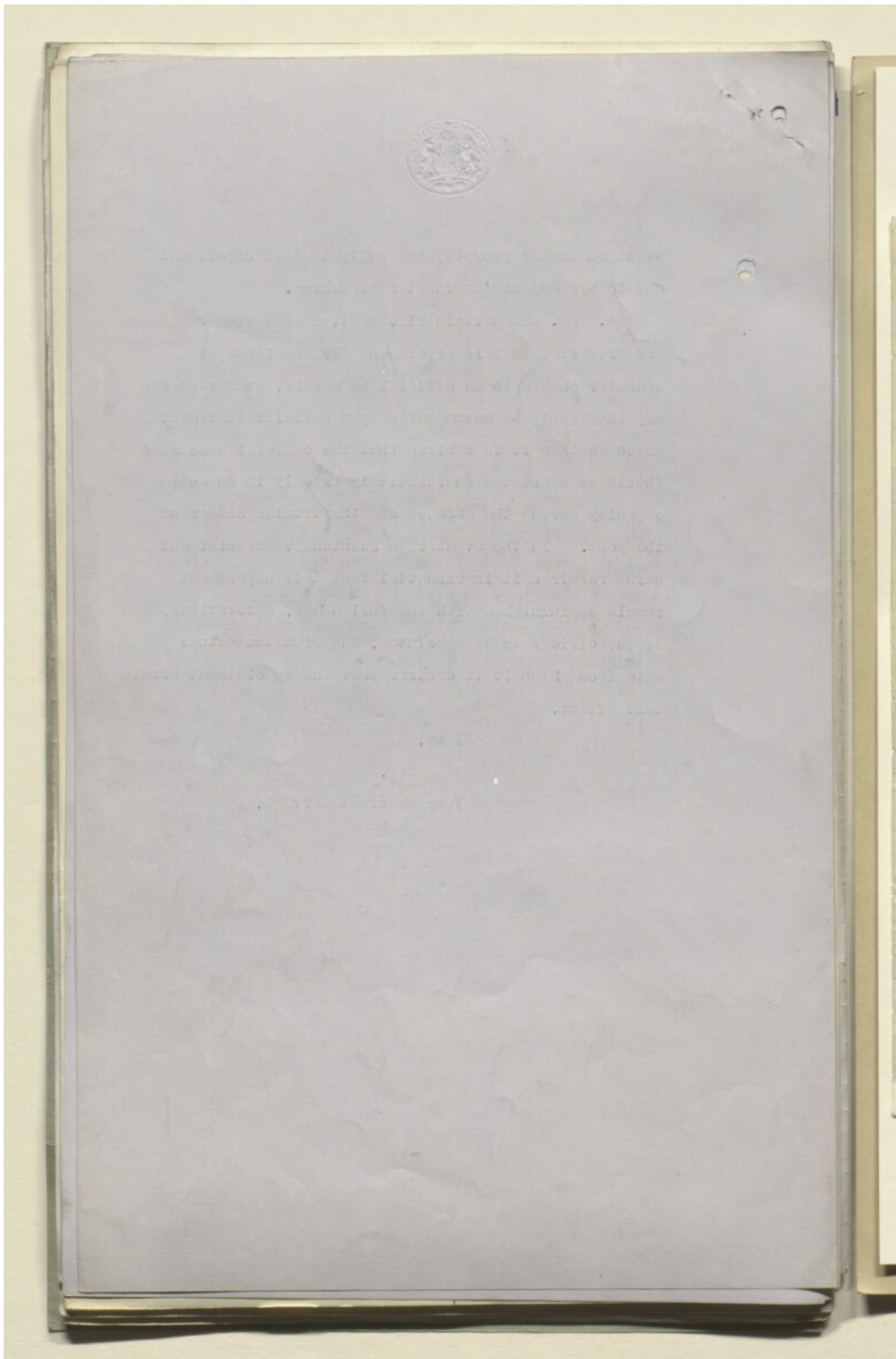
4. Mr. Chamberlain also desires that when requests are preferred to this department for the issue of consular powers to an official in Persia, such requests may invariably be accompanied by a definite statement as to whether it is desired that the official concerned should be appointed substantively or only in an acting capacity during the absence of the titular holder of the post. In the event of a substantive appointment being required it is essential that this department should be furnished with the full names, decorations, etc. of the officer to be appointed, and with the actual date from which it is desired that the appointment should take effect.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

S. J. Curzon





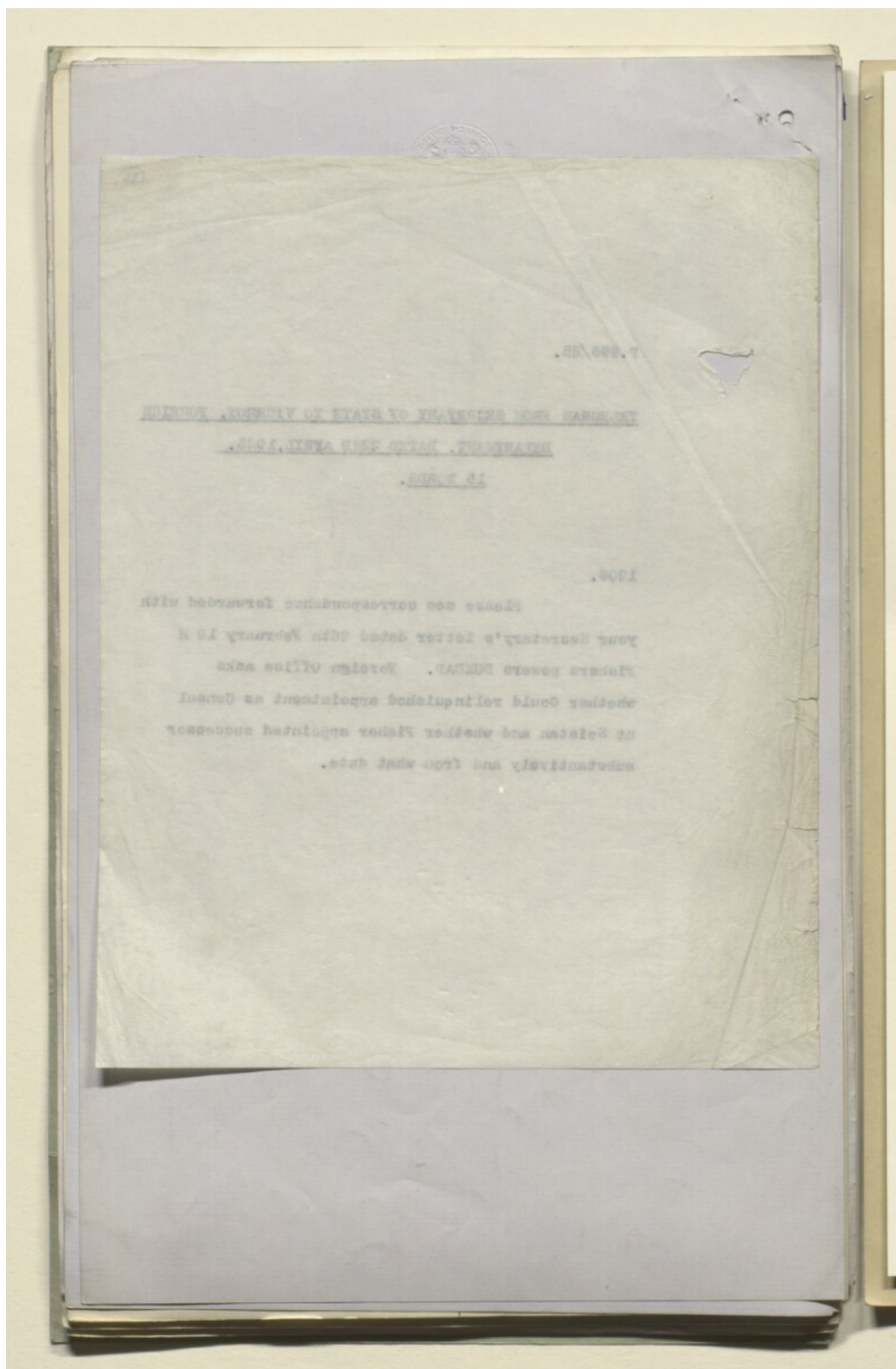
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TELEGRAM FROM SECRETARY OF STATE TO VICEROY, FOREIGN
DEPARTMENT, DATED 22ND APRIL, 1925.

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Please see correspondence forwarded with
your Secretary's letter dated 26th February 15 M
Fishers powers DUZDAP. Foreign Office asks
whether could relinquished appointment as Consul
at Seistan and whether Fisher appointed successor
substantively and from what date.





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COPY OF TELEGRAM

From Viceroy, Foreign and Political
Department, to Secretary of State
for India.

Dated Simla, 29th April, 1925.

Received 29th April, 1925, 3.30 p.m.

2(64) E. Your telegram dated 22nd April, 1925.
Fisher appointed consul at Seistan temporarily
from 21st January, 1925, vice Gould granted
~~8 months~~ leave.

~~x Words sent - ITUOET~~

~~Nearest code word - VUCET = 8 months.~~

